83 Britons join foreign hostage airlift

# US rejects Iraqi offer of date for Baker talks

By Susan Ellicott in Washington, and Andrew Mcewen

night over the chances of after the White House rejected a proposed Iraqi date for talks between James Baker, the US Secretary of State, and President Saddam

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Hussein. Brent Scowcroft, President Bush's National Security Adviser, said in a television interview that Baghdad's suggestion of January 12, three days before a UN resolution sanctioning the use of force comes into effect, was "too

He declared: "To me, what it shows is that they're still playing games, they're still nipulating for advantage,

they're not serious." The disagreement came as the evacuation of foreign hostages in Iraq and Kuwait got under way. The Foreign Office said 72 Britons boarded a flight chartered by the American government for Frankfurt. A further 11 were on an Italian-chartered plane which took off for Rome. An Iraqi aircraft chartered by Britain is to leave today, and another

Mr Baker said Washington

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#### IOC to visit South Africa

South Africa's return to sporting competition on a world scale moved closer after the announcement that the Interis to send an official delegation to the country for the first time in 23 years.

Keba M'Baye, the IOC member for Senegal, will head the delegation. He said a return in time for the 1992 games was not out of the

Tyson triumph



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#### City enquiry

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NEW doubts arose last had offered four dates between December 20 and January 3 avoiding war in the Gulf for his visit. Iraq's rejection of these dates showed it was "not serious", but the Iraqi News Agency said Baghdad did not

find the dates appropriate. The Secretary of State said:
"We will not be a party to circumventing the 15 January deadline in the United Na-

Iraq, in a television broadcast on Saturday, continued to link a solution to President Saddam's proposal on August 12 for a conference on all Middle East issues. However, reports in some Arab newspapers suggested that Iraq would soon make a partial withdrawal from Kuwait. King Husain of Jordan, who has worked for an Arab solution, yesterday urged Arab states to begin a dialogue to run alongside the American-iraqi talks.

Mr Baker's visit is due to follow a trip to Washington by Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, which Baghdad suggested should be on December 17. Washington said it wanted to settle the date of Mr Baker's visit first. Neither General Scowcroft nor Abdul Amir Anbari, Iraq's ambassador to the UN, suggested the dis-

agreement was unresolvable. President Bush is to meet litzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, tomorrow to discuss Israel's opposition to face-saving measures that

Washington is willing to take if Iraq withdraws from Ku-wait. Mr Shamir said yestendey he was confident that America would support Israel by rejecting a security council resolution calling for a Middle East peace conference to discuss Kuwait and the Palestinian issue. Discussion of such a Saturday until today.. Mr Bush has cancelled his annual New Year game shoot with friends in Texas and is not expected to leave Washington

until after January 15, apart from trips to Camp David. The departure of British hostages began sooner and more smoothly than expected. We got them on at the last moment as the American charter was leaving. It was something of a triumph," a

British official said. A Boring 747 chartered by Britain is due to leave Bagh-dad at 1 pm London time for Gatwick. Two more planes will pick up British hostages in Knwait tomorrow and take them to Baghdad to collect their exit visas. Another plane will be waiting to take them to London. Those in Kuwait

were advised on Saturday, through BBC World Service broadcasts, to break cover.

The Foreign Office said all but about 12 of the 342 hostages held at strategic sites under the "human shield" policy had been moved to the sour Melia Hotel in Baghdad. The British embassy worked through the night issuing them with emergency passports, and the Iraqi reaucracy proved more efficient than expected in issuing

"We are very hopeful that all those who want to leave will be out by the end of the week," a Whitehall source said. However, it is unclear whether British workers who have been building a palace for President Saddam will be allowed to go. Joan Mills, of St Anne's, Lancashire, said her husband John had told her by telephone that he and seven others had been ordered to stay to finish additional work. Whitehall sources said it appeared that not all the 1,150 Britons in Iraq and Kuwait wanted to leave. Some seemed happy to stay despite the risks.

Hostages seeking visas faced difficulties on Friday and Saturday morning, but later Baghdad suddenly cased formalities. The Australian embassy was the first foreign mission to secure visas, enabling eight of its nationals to

Azmi Shafiq al-Salihi, the lraqi ambassador to London, said: "Our government wishes them to have the freedom to leave to be with their families and friends for Christmas and the new year."

All flights have been chartered from Iraqi Airways, which could be a technical breach of UN sanctions. Whitehall sources said Britain would seek a UN dispensation and was unlikely to meet objections. London was obliged to go along with Baghdad's refusal to allow foreign carriers to participate. The Iraqis did not hide their motivation. Nuriddin al-Safi, the airline's director-general, said: "Our goal is to break the air block-

ade imposed on Iraqi Peter McLeod, aged 45, an Irishman who lives at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, was among 34 hostages who left on a jet chartered by John Connally, former governor of Teass. He was reunited with his Canadian wife Chris at Shannon airport, Ireland.

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#### Howe urges Major to enthuse over Europe

SIR Geoffrey Howe last night ing at the Rome summit this suggested that Britain's policy on Europe would have more credibility following the resignation of Margaret Thatcher

as prime minister. In his first television interview since his resignation, Sir Geoffrey urged John Major to present the British approach enthusiastically and positively as a committed member of the community determined to achieve success that takes account of British interests". The former foreign secretary was speaking amid strong

indications that the attitude of

Mr Major's government start-

By PHILLIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT week and the inter-governmental conferences on monetary and political union will be marked by pragmatism, and a desire to avoid the confrontations of the That-

That attitude is expected to be underlined by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, in a speech in Berlin today. He will argue Britain's objections to a single currency, a central bank and stees towards political integration. But he will Continued on page 22, col 5

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### Walesa poised for poll triumph

From Roger Boyes IN WARSAW

LECH Watesa, the Solidarity leader, was heading last night for a landslide victory in Poland's presidential election, his aides said.

They based their prediction on a countrywide exit poll, carried out by the German which predicted accurately the result of the first round a fortnight ago. The exit poll gave Mr Walesa 79 per cent of the vote to Stanislaw Tyminski's 21 per cent, two hours before the polling stations

Poland's Roman Catholic Church appeared yesterday to set aside its political neutrality when scores of priests, from pulpits throughout the country, urged their parishioners to vote for Mr Walesa.

Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the Polish Primate, set the tone by publicly casting his vote and even signalling his intention to vote in Saturday's newspapers. That this was a vote for Mr Walesa rather then his challenger, Mr Tyminski, was never in doubt

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Walesa in buoyant mood

# Seven die, services disrupted as blizzards sweep Britain

expected to be hadly disrupted cut. Two of those who lost themselves trapped by drifts. winds "Winter has come will people died. Trains were canof homes left without electricity and motorways blocked as across the country. Weather-men warned that it will stay cold this week and that more

snow and sleet is on the way. The freezing conditions also caused severe problems in parts of Europe. In France 16 inches of snow fell overnight

some of the 5.7 million people

who have invested in the stock

market flotation of the 12

regional electricity companies

Government advisers to the

float admitted last night that

share certificates, without which most people will be unable to sell their shares and

make a profit, would probably

The original plan had been

to post the certificates about

December 19, but the Arctic

arrive well after Christmas.

out in the cold.

their lives in Britain were attack victims who could not be reached by county Durham and Wilt-20, of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, froze to death when his car was stranded for 11 hours in a snowdrift on an the town. His passenger, a named, survived and wa taken to Kingsmill hospital, Mansfield suffering from

Christmas, but continuing bad

weather could make this

The receiving banks, led by

Lloyds, have processed 12.75 million applications, making

this the most popular priva-

has added to the delay. About half the applications were being counted at the weekend

in Birmingham, where Lloyds staff trudged through bizzards

to get to work.

tisation yet.
The volume of the respon

in some places and roads were two had decided to stay inside Cold comfort for

collapsed in the high winds. shire. Richard Williams, aged. Three people died on the 20, of Massfield, Notting roads in Northern Ireland. A when the car they were travel-ling in crashed into a pillar in

ome farmer, was rescued after pending 27 hours in an iglost e carved out of the snow with his bare hands. Mr Stevenson, aged 56, was lost in a blizzard as he tried to rescue Ins : on a hiliside near Harrogan north Yorkshire. He was flown by helicopter to Harrogate district hospital suffering from cold and exposure.

Many roads remained blocked last night. The south was bit by "a packet" of snow, according to weathermen and the north was promised more of the same. The London Weather Centre said that a second blast of cold air sweep-ing in from Belgium and northern France will settle across the southeast bringing

ROADS and rail services are blocked and electricity lines the car natil dawn but found more snow, skeet and freezing Trafford football ground when be quite nasty. It looks like a wall and a sign attached to it staying cold over the next few

when his car was involved in a cone of the worst affected mea

ish Rail took the "unprecedented" decision to suspend all interCity services on the west coast and Midland maincancelled, leaving thousands ers stranded. Limited services did not restart until 2 pm vesterday on the lines from Easten to Glasgow – via Birmhogham, Manches-ter and Liverpool – and St Pancras to Leicester, Notting ham and Derby. The ice and Continued on page 22, cel 6

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#### weather has meant time lost at Share allocation, page 23 the printers. An attempt will Britain's jobless could

sell-off investors

THE bad weather could leave be made to reach the post by

'increase by a million' By COLIN NARBOROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE number of people out of Douglas McWilliams, the work could rise by more than CBI's chief economic adviser. a million, if Britain fails to and Douglas Godden, a CBI curb inflation now it is a economist, says that France's member of the exchange-rate reduction of inflation after mechanism of the European Monetary System, according

to a report by the Confederation of British Industry. It compares British pros-pects for benefiting from ERM disciplines with France's experience in the 1980s, when France reduced inflation at an "unusually favourable" per-iod. Britain, however, would be "unrealistic" to count on equally good fortune.

The study, by Professor

1983 was a "resounding suc-cess", although it was bought at the expense of initially constrained growth and high

unemployment. The experience suggests that if Britain is successful in applying ERM discipline, unemployment is likely to rise by half a million. If unsuccessful the rise could be "perhaps as much as a million or more".

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# Rum time of year for prohibited puddings

By ROBIN YOUNG

GOOD news for weight-watchers who think Christmas pudding should be

illegal. It is. So indeed are mince pies. Without wishing to put a legal blight on the festive season, it has to be admitted that Christmas is a pretty rum time

for students of the law. It was, naturally enough, the great English spoilsport, Oliver Cromwell, who decreed that mince pies and plum puddings were "abominable idolatrous things to be avoided by Christians. One of his statutes, never formally repealed, provided that people could be fined or imprisoned

for either eating or making them. No British law dictates what ingredients a Christmas pudding may contain, though some of the

traditional part of commercial manurecipes may soon be banned. A French coroner did cace demand that safety standards should be imposed. He had just ruled that a family of three had succumbed to the fumes of an English Christmas pudding. The British authorities sensibly ignored the claim, and nobody has been reported to have been whiffed off in similar fashion since.

This year shoppers have done rather less than their best to strip the shelves bare. Theoretically though the law obliges all traders to empty their windows on Christmas eve. Under the Christmas Act of 1448 it is illegal for any merchandise to be displayed on

Christmas day. Equally it is an offence not to attend church over Christmas. The Act of

for those who fail to attend their devotions "having no lawful or reasonable excuse to be absent". None of this needs to be taken too seriously since legislation of 1831, which forbids hunting on Christmas

day, also stipulates that nobody can be arrested for anything but serious crime or breach of the peace. That should obviously be interpreted to include drink-driving. It is the same enlightened piece of legislation which prevents debt collectors calling over the holiday, and which ensures that we cannot be served with write or summonses over Christmas lunch.

Litigation over Christmas is not uncommon. Apart from tax cases in which the scrooges of the Inland Revenue established their claim that Christmas bonuses from employers

No matter, in a few days we shall be through this period of doubtful legality and into the season of winter sales. That brings us into the domain of the price marking legislation which practically nobody understands and few abide by. Happy new year to you all.

individuals have also been involved.

In 1980 a woman from Peterborough

threatened to invoke the Equal

Opportunities Act because her local

jobcentre had refused her plea for

employment as a Father Christmas.

Her complaint appeared reasonable.

since in Scandinavia where postal

authorities employ special personnel

to represent Father Christmas by

answering children's letters the jobs

are mostly filled by women.

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AGENDA

The week ahead

Inquest on 11 Royal Marines killed in the Deal bomb blast

opens at Dover. Ava Gardner's jewels go on sale at Sotheby's. Basis of allocation

of shares in privatised electricity companies announced

National No Smacking Week

launched. Vanessa, Jemma and Lynn Redgrave open in Cheknov's The Three Sisters at the Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue. Dealings in electricity shares begin

The Princess of Wales attende

National Federation of Wom-

en's Institutes' 75th anniver-

sary lunch at the Hyan

Carlton hotel, London, John

Bowis, MP, launches his pub-

lic safety bill, backed by

campaign by disaster

November unemployment

figures released. National

Trust council decides on its

European Council meets in Rome. Commons debate on

economic and environmental

issues in the developing world.

Retail price index for November and October industrial production figures published

Inter-governmental confer-

attitude towards hunting

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# Tories ready themselves for possible early election

CHRIS Patten, the Conser- policies of division is an

the party machine for battle, to allow John Major the option of an early general

Senior party sources denied yesterday that the leadership was already planning a dash to the polls, but accepted that the possibility of a spring or summer election was now a

Hopes of the Gulf confrontation ending without bloodshed, of falling inflation, plus the poll tax review and the government's electoral "honeymoon", are all seen as factors that make an early election more likely now than it was just weeks ago.

Last week, Mr Patten spoke with department directors at Conservative Central Office about election preparedness. He has to raise about £20 million to fight the next general election and wipe out the central office's £9 million debt, estimated to cost about £150,000 a month in interest

charges. The party chairman has also started trying to heal the wounds caused by the leader-ship contest. He has told MPs that he is ready to intervene with their constituency officers if they are in trouble for backing Michael Heseltine in the leadership election. Yesterday, it emerged that Sir Peter Tapsell, one of Mr Heseltine's leading support-ers, had survived calls to deselect him in his Lindsey

East constituency.

MPs in all parties believe there will be a strong temptation for Mr Major to go for an early general election if the present opinion poll lead is

sustained for a few months. Labour said yesterday that the government was trying to disguise the fact that it was retaining the failed policies of the Thatcher era. Dr John Cunningham, the Opposition's campaigns co-ordinator, said: "Using the language of while pursuing

attempt to be less than candid."

Speaking on BBC Television's On The Record, Dr Cunningham said that the public wanted to see big changes in direction for the country as a whole.

The policy failures of the Conservative government after 11 years in office are never going to be disguised simply by the change in language. There is an attempt now on the part of the government to distance itself from the failures of the Thatcher years and I am not surprised about

"It is because of these failures and the public's recognition of them that Mrs Thatcher has been forced out of office in the first place."



Warm gesture: More than 1,000 members of the Motorcycle Action Group yesterday converged on the 59 Club in Hackney, east London, bearing blankets for Crisis, the charity for the homeless which will look after at least 1,800 people in its Open Christmas campaign

### ence begins in Rome. Treasury expected to back call for abolishing poll tax

By OUR CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine, the environment secretary, is expected to be backed strongly by the Treasury if he proposes abolition of the poll tax after his review of local govern-

Amid growing speculation that the government will inject more funds into the community charge to ease the impact of next spring's bills, senior government sources have confirmed that a return to a modified version of the rating system will be one of the options considered by Mr Heseltine.

The Treasury opposed the introduction of the poll tax strongly, and Nigel Lawson, the former chancellor, has since revealed that his own preferred plan for an amended version of the rates was rejected. Some senior ministers hope that it will be revived by Mr Heseltine. His price, the believe, would be substantial extra funds for next year pending a manifesto pledge to

abolish the charge.

predicted big changes by April Keith Hampson, Conservative MP for Leeds North-West, said he believed the bet-

ter-off would face bigger bills.
Dr Hampson told BBC Television's North of West-minster programme: "There may be a case for keeping the principle of the tax and making higher-income people pay more. The principle of everybody making some contribu-tion to local authority expenditure is, i think, a correct one. Under the rating system, half the people never did make a contribution."

Dr Hampson said that if the government review concluded that the tax should be replaced, this would take time because it would need parliamentary legislation. He added: "I expect there will be substantial changes to the present system by next April."

Informed sources believe that the three main options for Mr Heseltine are: a return to the rates, possibly supplemented by a small flat-rate poll tax; a fully-banded comest associates yesterday munity charge or a local

income tax: or the removal of large parts of local authority spending from the charge to bring bills down.

Senior MPs are pointing to the Alternatives to Domestic Rates green paper published in 1981 during Mr Heseltine's last spell as environmen on the poil tax. Speaking of a possible level of around £120, it said: "The government be lieves that a flat rate annual capitation charge of this order of magnitude would almost certainly not be a practical proposition." But it did speak of its suitability "as a supplement to other taxes".

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Labour last night denounced the government's offer of all-party talks on the poli tax as a device to paper over the cracks. Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, said that Labour had no intention of being drawn into what was a "political stunt rather than a serious

Mr Gould, speaking in his Dagenham constituency, said fully if Mr Heseltine admitted that the poll tax could not be reformed but must be abolished. For next year, rebates should be 100 per cent for the

#### Strike 'led to death at hospital

Industrial action by staff Ashworth top-security mental hospital on Merseyside was blamed yesterday for the death of one of its patients on

Saturday. Michael Phelan, aged 33. was found hanged shortly alter 650 prison officers and ancillary staff walked out. Patients were locked in their rooms as management pro

vided a skeleton staff. Peter Edwards, a solicitor representing some of the pa-tients, said that officers had in effect gone on strike

#### Abuse hearing

Rochdale council will today apply for permanent wardship of at least 14 children, all from the same council estate, who are alleged to have suffered ritual abuse. The hearing in private at Manchester Crown Court is expected to last up to six weeks, with the council's application strongly oppose by the children's parents, who deny that abuse took place. Social workers removed the children in March and June.

Call for security An urgent review of security at hospitals has been called for by health service unions after a woman patient was sexually assaulted in a general ward at Europe's largest teaching hos-

pital, St James's in Leeds. Journalist dies

Simon O'Dwyer-Russell, the defence and diplomatic jour-nalist, died of a heart attack at the weekend, aged 29. He had worked since 1986 for the Sunday Telegraph and per-viously for Jane's Defence Weekly. Apart from domestic defence stories, he worked in the Middle East and Namibia where his report on a massacre of captured Swapo guerrillas provided a world exclusive.

### Opinion poll backs change to republic's stand on Ulster

From A Correspondent in BELFAST

favour amendment to articles in their constitution that claim jurisdiction over Northern Ireland, to embrace a clause requiring northern majority consent to any change in the province's present status, a poll disclosed yesterday.

The same poll also showed that 56 per cent favoured liberalisation of Irish law to permit divorce, which is up 7 per cent on the findings of a similar poll five months ago and represents an 18 per cent pro-divorce lead on the issue.

The poll, by Irish Marking surveys, was published yesterday in the Dublin-based Sunday Independent after the questioning last Wednesday and Thursday of 1,052 electors at 75 locations throughout the republic. Its findings

A CLEAR majority of voters are further evidence of the the poll, only 45 per cent of in the Irish Republic would rapid changes in social and declared Fianna Fail supportpolitical attitudes now taking ers backed amendment of the place in Ireland. These were exemplified on Monday last week when Mary Robinson. the constitutional lawyer and human rights campaigner, was installed as president.

The Dail will vote on

amendments to articles two and three of the constitution, proposed by the marxist Workers party, on Wednesday. The motion is certain to fall because the Popular Democrats, minority partners Charles Haughey's coalition government, will not break ranks with Fianna Fail

to vote against it. Although the Democrats favour amendment of the two articles, they want a complete rewrite of the constitution, not mere single-issue tinkering. In marital breakdown.

controversial articles against some 65 per cent of Fine Gal. Labour and Popular Democrat voters. Almost 40 per cent of the governing party's voters advocated no change with 16 per cent undecided.

Only four years after the Irish Republic voted 6-4 in a referendum against any legal changes to permit divorce, 53 per cent are now shown to be favour, with 40 per cent against and 6 per cent undecided on the issue.

Mr Haughey last slightly nudged his own Fianna Fail electorate towards eventual divorce legalisation by promising a white paper, not directly on divorce but, as he euphemistically termed it,

#### Kasparov bounces back to victory

By RAYMOND KEENE

GARY Kasparov, the world champion, last night bounced back from defeat to force a victory in 57 moves in game 18 of the world chess championship in Lyons, France.

He now leads against Anatoly Karpov in the \$3 million match by 91/2-81/2. Six games remain to be played. Karpov defended with his

customary line against Kasparov's Roy Lopez opening. After 20 moves he had used only 16 minutes of the 150 minutes allotted for the first 40 moves. Kasparov, in contrast, had used 69 minutes. The clear indication was that Karpov was familiar with his line of defence while Kasparov had to make it up as he went along.

Karpov's opening ploy involved sacrificing a pawn to gain open files for his rooks and aggressive diagonals for his bishops, but on move 21 something seemed to disrupt his hitherto smooth deploy-ment. Karpov pondered this queen move for 64 minutes.

All this thinking caused ar incredible howler which did nothing to improve Karpov's position and left white a clear pawn ahead with his forces on

dominating squares.
Watching experts were stunned that he had missed the obvious and strong capture Bxb2.

Thereafter, Karpov never really got back into the game. Kasparov's white forces gained complete control of the board and the only question was whether his attack on the 39th move was perhaps a trifle nemature.

Kasparov thought for 25 minutes over his 41st move, which he sealed at the end of the first session. He must have been tempted by 41 Nc7, but chose a slower and more steady attack, defending his only weak pawn with a rook. Thereafter, as is customary

in adjourned games, Kasparov's conduct of the lative. Using a mere seven minutes' thinking time, he traded off the most effective black pieces and moved into a winning rook and pawn end game. Karpov resigned when he had no sensible way of preventing the coronation white's pawn on the B file.
The moves are:

1 e4 e5
2 NT3 Ne6
3 555 a8
4 8e4 NT9
5 0-0 Be7
6 Re1 ts
7 8b3 d5
8 c3 0-0
9 h3 Nd7
10 d4 8t6
17 a4 8b7
17 a4 8b7
12 Ns3 exd4
13 cxd4 Nb6
14 8t4 hxa4
16 0xa4 Nb6
17 8c2 Re8
18 d5 Nb4
19 8xb4 xxb4
20 0xb4 Rb8
21 Qc4 0c6
22 Qc4 8c5
24 dxc5 3xd4
25 Dd4 8c5
27 Re3 Re5
28 18 Rc1
29 Rb3 Bb5

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#### Government assailed in Rover deal report By Shella Gunn, political reporter THE government is to be privatisation. However, the

criticised by a parliamentary enquiry for not making a frank disclosure of an extra £38 million of subsidies given to British Aerospace in exchange for buying the Rover Car Company in 1988.

and industry committee that all the extra payments laid down in the final terms of the sale were properly disclosed to parliament and the European port on the Rover sale, the Tory-dominated committee will recommend a clearer system for making public details of the terms in future

The Commons trade and industry committee is to challenge assertions by the trade Commission. In its final re-

committee failed to prove Labour's allegation of a conspiracy by ministers and officials to cover up the true cost to the taxpayer of the Rover sale. The European Commission has already ordered BAe to repay the British government more than £44 million in extra payments which had not been sanctioned by the commission.

The majority of Tory MPs on the committee are refusing to sanction attempts by the Opposition members to censure the former trade and industry secretary, Lord Young of Graffam, for his handling of the £150 million

## Communists wait to change their name

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

BRITISH Communists dug a grave for the hammer and sickle yesterday after the momentous events of last year across Eastern Europe persuaded them that the party which started in 1920 The lowering of the red flag accompanied their de-

cision to abandon the principles of Marxism-Lenmism and to renounce democratic The funeral of British

communism has yet to be arranged, for members drew back until at least next year from disbanding the 70year-old Communist Party of Great Britain. A new constitution will be drawn up in the new year and at next November's

43rd congress — possibly the last - a new name may be chosen. This is expected to be the Radical Socialist Federation, a title which will reflect the aims of comrades to create a loose grouping with other radical organisations of the left, from environmental to feminist.

The extraordinary demise of the ailing party, whose membership has plunged to 6,000 from a peak of about

40,000, was debated by 300 delegates - another 29 were stopped by the Soviet winter from getting here - in the conference hall at Congress House, headquarters of the TUC in London.

The abandonment of party creed and organisation is held to be the product of Nina Temple, its youthful and engaging new general

Ms Temple, aged 34, a product of Camden School for Girls and Imperial College, is a political universe removed from the legendary class warrior Harry Pollitt who once held the mantle of

the party's top host.
She said last night: "The congress marks a watershed in the sense that the party has broken off the trappings of state communism and its

legacy.
"We have embraced the politics of pluralism, of democratic alliance, and are trying to find any common ground between different strands on the left for a radical transformation of society. I have been arguing for those things for years. "The events of 1989 lib.

erated communism."



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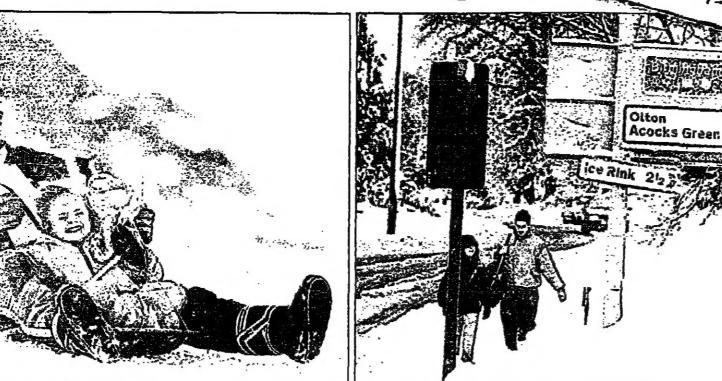
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The first snows of winter bring days ption and drama





Making the most of the snow in Leicester, redundant direction near Solihull; and Howard Stevenson, who survived on the Yorkshire moors for 27 hours by building an igloo, is comforted by his wife Pamela

in just a few hours. Further December 13 with a tem-

perature of -25C (-13F).

As indicators of what we

can expect for the rest of the winter, these examples of early

December cold make pretty

gloomy reading. The winter of

was the snowiest winter for at

least 100 years in the hills of

Britain. In the winter of 1967-

8 February was cold and

snowy, and in 1981-2. after the

the coldest December since

1890, the first half of January

featured a cold spell that set a

British record of -27.2C (-17F)

at Braemar, Grampian, and a

new English record of -26.1C

(-15F) at Newport,

Shropshire.

north, the Caledonian and

Forth-Clyde canals were fro-

An Arctic blast between

December 6-11 1967 caused

havoc, bringing low tem-

peratures and frequent snow

falls. The worst conditions

were in Brighton, where 11 ins

of snow on December 8

brought traffic to a standstill.

sustained cold spell. Un-

expected heavy snow on

December 8 paralysed much

of southern England. More

striking was the record-break-

ing night-time temperatures.

In Shawbury, Shropshire, a

new low for England of -23C (-

9F) was recorded on Decem-

December 1981 saw a more

zen in places.

# Britain caught unawares again

The present cold weather

sodes. It is more exceptional

in respect of its earliness.

weather in the first half of

December has happened just

in 1950, cold northerly

much of the country, with the

Isle of Wight particularly

hard-hit. On December 15,

By NICK NUTTALL

TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT BRITAIN was - many would say as usual - totally unprepared for the Arcuc-like weather that his the country over the weekend.

It took snow falls of between 10cm and 15cm to reduce a developed country with a proud technical and engineering tradition to the level of a pre-industrial society without beaung, lighting, rail and road services in many parts.

A managing director of a Midlands road haulage company, who called The Times yesterday, could barely contain his frustration and anger. "It's absolutey diabolical," he said. "The roads are this country's life-blood, yet the police on the M6 are overwhelmed by a bit of snow and thousands of trucks and drivers are stranded. The West Midlands police tell me that not have railway points systhe snow ploughs are not heavy enough. We need modern machines like those in North America the trains are Scandanavia that blow the snow away."

That parts of Britain could be paralysed by a snowfall such as this weekend's astonished a spokesman for Public Service of Colorado, Denver, which provides electricity in the Rocky Mountains. "It been exceptionally mild, but doesn't seem very much," he widespread snow and low said. "We have cables running at 1,000 feet over passes in unusual in the British Isles. blizzard conditions. The only is if somebody skids into big disruptions in southern

transmission equipment." Power lines sometimes fail est daytime temperatures re-

in sub-zero temperatures corded this century. Morebecause the metal fractures, or over, it followed notable because they are hit by debris wintry spells including one blown by the wind. For the that lasted for the whole of past 17 years, electricity sup- February 1986.
plies in some areas of The present Scandinavia and Germany has a long way to go before it have been transmitted by can match any of these epicables called aerial bunched conductors (ABC).

Instead of the three live wires that dangle from British Comparable severe winter pylons, ABC lines are twisted together into one thicker, insulated cable, which is less prone to fracturing. Because years in 1950, 1967 and 1981. the conductor covers less area in the air it is also less likely to winds brought heavy snow to be hit by debris.

British trials have been conducted on ABC cable, but one drawback is its higher

Higher cost is also one of the reasons why Britain does tems designed to remain icefree. On the Continent and in kept running with the help of gas-fired or electrically heated

 While the present wintry weather comes as a a shock we should not get over-excited (William Burroughs writes). The past three winters have temperatures are not that

The last really cold spell was

#### Hurd's son airlifted to hospital

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, whose Oxfordshire home was cut off by 4ft snowdrifts, called for police and ambulance belp yesterday when his son Philip, aged seven, was taken ill with suspected appendicitis.

A police helicopter, with an ambulance paramedic on board, flew to Mr Hurd's home at Westwell. Philip was airlifted ' hospital, Oxford.

#### Snow maker

in Rochester the cold snap turned a Dickensian Christmas festival into a white one, rendering redundant a snow naking machine the council had hired at a cost of thousands of pounds. Rochester council had brought in the machine to give an authentic touch to the celebrations. The machine arrived only hours before the snow began to fall.

Explorer's woe

Geoff Somers, who led an international expedition across Antarctica, was strand-ed yesterday. Mr Somers, aged 40. of Keswick, in the Lake District, planned to take his 12ft sled to the Scott of the Antarctic museum for a display, but he had to abandon the trip after he awoke to find himself snowed in.

Freeze phone

A British Telecom network dial for help. Last night the AA advised members to call 0345-887766, until the service was restored.

#### Firemen hurt

were taken to hospital suffering from toxic fumes inhaled while tackling a fire caused by driving rain which flooded into the Alton hotel and shortcircuited a cable. A seminar of 20 geologists was interrupted and the hotel was evacuated.

First snow: Portia Wassell, aged two, discovering the joys of winter at the Escot estate, near Exeter

#### fault put the Automobile Association's national free call number out of action as hundreds of motorists tried to

Eight firemen at Scarborough

# Drivers urged to stay with car

By DAVID YOUNG

organisations are agreed: "Unless your journey is really necessary, don't venture out when there is the prospect of snow".

Both the RAC and the AA yesterday battled to deal with the thousands of emergency calls as their 0800 free phone lines broke down. They had to rely on their network of local offices and messages relayed by police

forces. The advice for drivers is: ☐ Make sure you have adequate warm clothing and footwear in the car and a travelling rug or sleeping bag. It is also advisable to take hot and cold drinks and some food.

THE police and motoring to maintain the car's heat. If I I you are stuck in the you are stuck in the snow make sure the exhaust pipe is clear so fumes do not come back in the car and suffocate passengers.

☐ The car should be topped up with petrol, and the windscreen washers - for front and back - should be filled before setting out on a

☐ Take a powerful torch, a shovel and a piece of old carpet to use under the wheels if stuck on an icy patch. A tow rope and a set of battery jump leads should

also be put in the boot. Carry a piece of coloured material to put on the car's aenai Thiswill help helicopiers spot stranded

sacking can be put under the car's front wheels to stabilise the car. Leave one window open for ventilation. Do not leave the car unless you see a house and know the area. ☐ Make sure the tyres are

well inflated and be very careful on ice. Snow chains are only useful if there is a lot of ice. If used in the wrong conditions they can damage the vehicle.

The police also suggest that stranded drivers should remember that newspapers and maps can be used to provide emergency insulation and that packed suitcases in the boot will contain clothing that will keep you

# Sheep farmer saved by igloo

A SHEEP farmer survived 27 hours of driving blizzards and temperatures of -20C by building a makeshift igloo. Howard Stevenson told last night how he built his life-saving shelter after falling into a snowdrift in the Yorkshire Dales while searching for his missing sheepdog. Sly.

Mr Stevenson, aged 56, was unable to scramble out of the snowdrift after his waterproof leggings froze stuff He was so well hidden in his igloo that rescuers, alerted by his anxious wife, passed within feet of his shelter without noticing it. It was only when one of them prodded a walking suck into the snow cave that they found Mr Stevenson.

Last night he was recovering in Harrogate district hospital, where he was taken by helicopter from RAF Leconfield. Doctors said that he had survived his ordeal because his makeshift igloo had trapped his body heat. He was wet and cold but his condition was otherwise satisfactory.

Mr Stevenson had set out from his home at Lofthouse, at the foot of the Yorkshire Dales,

soon after 10am on Saturday to check on 50 ewes, which are part of the flock he manages on 3.000 acres of Stean Moor With wind gusting at up to 70mph driving the snow into blizzards, he soon lost sight of his dog and it was while searching for him that he fell into the snowdrift some two miles from his home.

From his hospital bed last night Mr Stevenson said "I thought the best thing to do was to pull blocks of snow on top of myself to make an igloo I just stayed put and hoped that someone would find me I didn't go to sleep because I knew that if I did I probably would not wake up again."

Mi Stevenson made one attempt to escape from his igloo 24 hours after leaving home but found that his waterproofs were frozen. He was unaware that a search operation involving police, mountain rescue teams and the RAF helicopter had started Andrew Ball, the RAF winchman who hauled Mr Stevenson into the helicopter for the journey to hospital, said that he probably would not have survived for much longer in the freezing conditions.

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# Airlines demand licensing of courier firms to plug terror loophole

By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

AVIATION security chiefs are concerned that the growing number of unlicensed air courier firms may be used by terrorists to

smuggle bombs on to aircraft. Despite repeated warnings of the potential dangers, they claim that individual governments are ignoring the loophole through which an unwitting courier could be lured into taking explosives on board as hand baggage.

Now the airlines are pressing for an international licensing system for courier firms who place advertisements in newspapers around the world seeking people willing to fly on free, or heavily discounted, tickets provided they carry a package. The service,

designed to help companies which need urgent high-value deliveries to be made by hand, is now especially popular among students, who have no idea of what they are carrying or why but who want to take advantage of a cheap round trip air ticket. All that is needed to become a courier is a valid passport, the ability to sound normal on the telephone and to fill in an application form giving

employment details. Nomad Courier Flights, of west London, which recruits members of the public to act as couriers for a range of international companies through advertisements in local newspapers and television inoformoation systems, is not unduly worried about the possibility of terrorist groups infiltrating the

Howarth, the higher education

minister, said: "The issue of the

binary line clearly is one that

deserves serious consideration

and which we have under dis-

cussion. The Bird report raises

issues about quality assurance

throughout higher education and

therefore, by implication, about

which institutions should be on

which side of the binary line and

whether indeed there should be a

distinctions ought to be made and,

for instance, whether the defi-

nition of a university should

embrace all institutions that have

degree-awarding powers."
Sir Raymond Rickett, director

of Middlesex polytechnic and a campaigner for polytechnics right

to university status, said that a

number of directors were considering a unilateral change of title. Polytechnics are already rec-

ognised as institutions of univer-

sity status in Europe.

"We have to consider what

system. "A lot of people come into the office so we can meet them first hand and brief them. You can tell by speaking to some one either face to face or on the telephone if they are trying to hide some-thing," Annie Flint, who founded

the company five years ago, said. Baggage and security details are left to the airlines. "We use Pan Am, which has very strict security since the Lockerbie disaster, with two security checks and an x-ray machine. The tickets have the words Nomad Courier on them, so that the security officers know that a passenger is a courier and they often search couriers even more thoroughly. I have gone to New York as a courier and undergone extra searching," Miss Flint said. Many courier firms

would welcome a licensing system whereby potential couriers could tell that a particular firm was tried and tested, she said. "We would be quite happy to become part of such a system and so would

Security officers are also angry and frustrated that there has been no progress in setting up a central agency to collate all intelligence about possible terrorist activity and to pass on warnings. "Two years after Lockerbie we still have as much confusion and jealousy among the individual intelligence agencies as we had before," senior airline security chief said.

"By their very nature agencies such as the CIA, M15 and Mossad are secretive and do not want to tell anyone of what they hear in case it compromises their source. As a result what we do hear is very fragmented and we simply do not know whether a particular airline is under threat or not. It is left to

The airlines have demanded. through the United Nations and national governments, the creation of an international aviation intelligence agency with direct links to intelligence organisations. It would be staffed by an international team of security experts who could assess any possible risk and then inform airlines if a genuine threat was perceived. Under a blueprint drawn up since Lockerbie by the International Air Transport Association (lata) every airline would then be issued with a book giving details of what should

warning being received. "We are all in favour of the lata initiative," the security chief said.

The airlines are also pressing for licensing of cargo and freight companies, with goods and packages only being accepted if coming from a "known shipper". So far, however, all proposals have been lost in a plethora of official com-

mittees with little sign of urgency. Although it remains the longterm aim of the British transport department to impose x-ray screening of all hold bags, the technology is still not sufficiently sophisticated and sensitive to guarantee that a small amount of explosive will always be spotted without an unacceptable number of false alarms. Security experts

be done in the event of a specific are agreed that the level of deterrence against a potential bomber has been much improved but that there are still many loopholes and, as aviation is a global industry, a determined terrorist could always find a way of beating even the most sophisticated security controls at a major airport by concentrating his efforts in countries which do not have such strict rules.

 Toshiba is seeking compensation from an independent television company over an "embarrassing" commercial flop. Gold Greenlees Trott bought the slot in the TVS World in Action documentary Why Lockerbie? unaware that the programme prom-inently featured a Toshiba cassette player, used to carry the bomb.

# **Polytechnics** may be given university status

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS are using a recommendation to give polytechnics the power to award degrees as an opportunity to consider a fundamental change in the structure

A review being conducted in the education department is considering whether to allow all polytechnics or colleges granted degree-awarding powers to take the title of university, and even whether to abolish the "binary system" that ensures better funding for universities. The results are not expected to emerge for several months, since any change would require legislation.

The call for greater academic autonomy for some polytechnics was included in the report of Richard Bird, a senior civil servant, published in June on the Council for National Academic Affairs. Education ministers have made it clear that they support the recommendation, but are delaying an announcement until the wider

implications have been explored. Polytechnic directors have been pressing the government to move towards a single quality control system for all higher education by allowing them to establish their own agency. Their ultimate aim has always been to remove the distinction between their own institutions and the universities.

John MacGregor, as education removing the bar on polytechnics adopting a university title. Al-though Kenneth Clarke, his successor, has said that he remains unconvinced of the benefits of a single higher education system, integration remains within the

# Think tank puts case for bill of rights

By Frances GIBB LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A BILL of rights to protect individuals from the misuse of power by public authorities and to give them remedies in the courts is called for today by the Institute of Public Policy Research, an in-dependent think tank of the left.

The case for a bill of rights, in a paper drafted by an eminent group of lawyers, led by Anthony Lester, QC, will fuel debate on whether the European Convention on Human Rights should be incorporated into United Kingdom law. Last week a number of peers

spoke in favour during a debate in the Lords, including Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, who said some 80 British laws and regulations had been repealed or amended as a result of European Court judgments. It was wrong, he said, that those who suffered breaches of their civil liberties had to go to court at Strasbourg to

There is support among all main political parties for incorporating the European convention through a bill of rights, but no one party has adopted this as policy. James Cornford, the institute's director, said: "Britain is the only one of the council of Europe's 23 member states without a written constitution or bill of rights. Our record at the European Court of Human Rights alone dem-onstrates that human rights in the UK fall short of international

standards. The draft bill published today includes the usual rights such as freedom of expression, to privacy and to demonstrate peacefully, but includes freedom from discrimination, which covers not only sex and race but age, disability or homosexuality.

The paper also urges the formation of a human rights commission with power to bring proceedings in its own name and to help complainants in cases involving alleged breaches of the bill of rights.

A British Bill of Rights from the Inst-ttute for Public Policy Research (18



No room for the crib: the Rev Martin Heuwood, carate of St Martin-in-the-Fields, yesterday admiring the life-size Christmas crib displayed each year to raise money for London's poor. The crib could be homeless itself, however, when it is removed on Twelfth Night (Nicholas Watts writes). St Martin-in-the-Fields, which owns the crib, used to store it throughout the year, but found

that it had no room to do so when its crypt was refurbished. The ment department then took the crib in and, when it ran out of space, the Treasury stepped in. Now the Treasury has said that it has no reom for the one-and-a-half-ton structure, and the church is looking for a new bome for it. Westminster city council offered a disused lavatory near Charing Cross, but

the crib would not go down the stairs. Mr Henwood is confident, however, that a home will be nd for the crib, as the firm that assembles it each year has offered to pick it up next Christmes from anywhere between New Maiden and Trafaigar Square. The crib was com sioned by the church in 1959 and Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus by Josephina de Vascon-cellos. Canon Geoffrey Brown, of the crib last night after making his annual appeal for the poor on boped to do even better this year. Cheques, payable to Christmas Appeal Fund, can be sent to St Martin-in-the-Fields, 6 St Mar-

St Martin-in-the-Fields, bles Radio 4. Last year, more than £200,000 was raised, and it is tin's Place, London WC2N 4JJ.

### Education, pages 14-15 Race equality staff ponder new political landscape

By OUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

ingham's Josiah Mason Hall would have attracted a pack of tabloid bloodhounds seeking evidence of left-wing zealotry.

Interest by the national media

in this year's gathering of the National Association of Race Equality Advisers is, however, likely to be as scarce as evidence in the hall of rabid extremism. Today's local authority race advisers leave crit-

About 1,000 people are employed by councils in Britain to promote employment opportunities for racial minorities in local government, and to promote racial equality on a broader front. However, the impressive number belies the loss of influence many of them have suffered in recent years.

As "new realism" has become the guiding principle in councils that in the early and mid-1980s carried high the banner of munic-

By OUR HOME AFFAIRS

GOVERNMENT plans to give

magistrates the power to deduct

outstanding fines from offenders'

social security payments would prevent up to 13,000 defaulters a

year being jailed, according to a

Home Office study published

The proposals would also

encourage greater use of financial penalues, the report by the depart-ment's research and planning unit

adds. It says that courts some-

times punish unemployed offend-

ers more severely because of the

problems of enforcing fines. In a

TIME was when a conference such ipal socialism, grants to local ethcouncil inquisitions into allegations of racial discrimination reduced, and the rhetoric of race equality advisers softened.

The decision by Brent council, in London, in October 1986 to appoint 180 officers, or "race spies" as right-wing tabloid editors described them, to check on racial discrimination in the borough's state schools is a faded memory.

The change has been most vividly illustrated by the demise of the town hall "race equality unit". Over the past year, a string of Labour-run local authorities. including Manchester city council and the London boroughs of Newham and Lewisham, have disbanded central units. In their place have sprung up equal opportunities units, whose brief includes fighting discrimination against women, disabled people and homosexuals, as well as racial

separate study, the unit reports

that the introduction of a unit fine

system, with fines related to

income, would also reduce the

number of people imprisoned for

Other advantages would be quicker payment of fines and

greater consistency in sentencing.

Plans for means-related fines and attachment of benefit orders are

contained in the criminal justice

bill, now at committee stage in the

Commons. If attachment orders

could be ordered when fines are

imposed, up to 119,000 offenders

each year might be eligible, with

the figure reduced to 71,000 if the

fine default.



Abmed: anti-discrimination

work is a specialist task minorities. Many council race advisers see the trend as retrograde, believing that the disadvantages facing ethnic minorities demand special attention. Fears that their employers will tone down the "positive action" campaigns that have done so

process was only activated at the

Researchers, who examined the

cases of 671 defaulters dealt with

by magistrates' courts in Ports-

mouth, Bradford and Teesside,

found that only 25 per cent of the

sample was having more than 10

per cent of income support

deducted at source to pay off

debts. The maximum that can be

docked in that way is 15 per cent

of income support, or 20 per cent

Around one-quarter of the

offenders were jailed for default.

with a poll tax deduction.

Docking fines at source 'would cut jail terms'

default stage.

blacks and Asians in local govern- Britain's largest with a staff of 52

ation's secretary, said: "There is a difference between racial equality and equal opportunities. Ethnic groups such as the blacks and Asians suffer multiple deprivation in many cases. Tackling that kind of discrimination requires real determination and real focus",

Many members of the association, formed partly in response to the changed political climate in town halls, confess that the race advisers of the 1980s were their own worst enemies. Some were simply incompetent, while others did not understand how to get things done in local government. Mr Ahmed said: "Unfortu-

nately, I have to admit that some of our colleagues did go rather overboard and were not sensitive enough about the political implications of their behaviour." Mr Ahmed heads Birmingham

be served in lieu after the defaulter

was imprisoned for another of-

fence. The report says that 17,000

defaulters are jailed each year, and

that links between fine default and

unemployment are strong. Sur-

veys in Northern Ireland and

Scotland have shown that most

people jailed for non-payment of

fines are jobless.

Most offenders are likely to

welcome such a system, the report

says, with 66 per cent of offenders

interviewed in a 1987 survey

favouring direct payments be-

cause the system would save

much to increase employment of city council's central race unit, and an annual budget of over il million. Although it is now sub ject to scruttiny by an equal opportunities committee, it does not appear to be at risk of disbandment or merger. One reason for this. Mr Ahmed thinks, is that it seeks to cajole rather than force departments into new practices.

In 1986, the unit set the authority targets for recruitment from racial minorities. There were no deadlines, but advertising in ethnic minority newspapers and mag-azines was increased and personnel officers were given intensive training. Today, about 10 per cent of the Labour-run council's 53,000 employees are non-white, up from 6 per cent four years ago. Mr Ahmed is to call at the cop-

ference for councils that have disbanded central units to think again. He will also urge race advisers to eschew over-ambition and to concentrate on promoung equality in their own workplaces. Courts are less likely to grant bail to black people suffering psychiatric disorders than similar white defendants, according to a

study published today.

Researchers examined 70 cases dealt with by an undisclosed magistrates' court in a city with a large ethnic population. Thirty-seven per cent of white defendants were given bail compared with 13 per cent of black defendants. In addition, 39 per cent of black defendants were diagnosed as being mentally unstable compared with 22 per cent of white ones.

The National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, which helped to conduct the research, says magistrates are more likely to "err on the side of caution" when dealing with black defendants at bail hearings.

#### Test for law on role of union officials at meetings

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LEADERS of one of Britain's most prominent left-wing unions will be required this week to comply with a High Court order testing legislation on the role of full-pme union officials.

Two members of the national executive committee of the left-led National Union of Civil and Public Servants, the executivegrade civil servants' union, last week obtained a court order against their union in a case supported by the government's commissioner for the rights of trade union members.

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Under the Trade Union Act 1984 and the 1988 Employment Act. full-time non-elected trade union officials can attend and speak at union executive meetings only if they are providing factual information or giving professional or technical advice. This legislation has not previously been tested, and the case against the NUCPS has widespread implications for all trade unions.

Two members of the NUCPS executive, Frank Pemberton and Alan England, have for more than a year been complaining to the executive about a range of issues, including the election of officials and the participation in executive decisions of senior non-elected officials, including John Sheldon, deputy general secretary, and Eddie Reilly, national officer.

Mr Pemberton is a right-winger, and Mr England is regarded as a maverick in the union. Leftwingers believe that the court case officer posts below the general secretaryship subject to election by the union's members, even though this is not required by legislation.

The order granted by Mr Justice Harman last week includes an undertaking by Sandy Boyle, NUCPS president, that he will stop anybody attending executive meetings except as provided for by law, and it says that he will "use his best endeavours" to ensure that the executive endorses his

The NUCPS executive meets on Wednesday, when the court action will be first business. Members are expected to be vocal in criticising Mr Pemberton and Mr England for going to court, but the union is likely to comply with the order, at least until the full trial of the action, due at some time next year.

In a statement, Mr Pemberton and Mr England said: "We are loyal members of NUCPS and would much have preferred the union to have complied with the Trade Union Act voluntarily."

# memorial

AN APPEAL for £200,000 to erect the Mediterranean fleet.

island was subjected to prolonged and intensive bombing. Ships of the royal and merchant navies fought to deliver supplies, which kept the inhabitants from starvation and surrender, and enabled them to continue providing a vital base for the allied forces.

In April 1942 the islanders' heroism was marked by King George VI with the award of the George Cross, Britain's highest civilian award for gallantry, but in nearly half a century since no commemorative memorial has

The George Cross Island Association, with some 2,000 members who served during the siege, has established a trust with the duke as patron and Lord Lewin as president. It has commissioned a monument of a bell hung in a stone cupols with a bronze catafalque, designed by

#### in 29 of the cases, the warrant was postage and bus fares and help lodged with the prison for time to them to manage their income. Students unite green opinion

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

AN OVERVIEW of world environment problems by some of the world's most eminent politicians and scientists has been compiled by two undergraduates and a former student of Cambridge university. Matthew Wilkinson and

Justyn Comer, both aged 21 and reading theology at Trinity College, and David Angeli, a former postgraduate international relations student at St John's College, aged 26, have assembled a most distinguished collection of environmental essays in Sustaining Earth, to be published by Macmillan. Contributors include Javier

Perez de Cuellar, secretary-general of the United Nations, Sir Shridath Rampbal, former secretary-general of the Commonwealth, and Chris Patten, former environment secretary. Gro Har-lem Brundtland, prime minister

World Commission on Environment and Development, whose 1987 report, Our Common Future, provides the book's theme of sustainable dev-elopment, or "green growth", has written the foreword.

Other writers include Joe Farman, the British Antarctic Survey scientist who discovered the "hole" in the ozone layer, Siephen Schneider, the leading US expert on global warming, Martin Holdgate, director-general of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and a leading ecologist, and Ghillean Prance, director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and an expert on tropical rainforests.

Stanley Chnton Davis, EC environment commissioner from 1985 to 1989, writes on European environment policy; Chris Hampson, ICI board member with responsibility for the

dustry's responsibilities; David Gosling, formerly with the World Council of Churches, writes on religion and the environment; Sir Crispin Tickell, former British Ambassador to the UN and the man credited with the "greening" of Margaret Thatcher, writes on environmental diplomacy.

Nicholas Byam Shaw, chairman of Macmillan, said: "To have brought together a group of the most distinguished voices expressing environmental concern in the world is no small achievement on the part of these three young men, two of whom have not yet even taken their degrees. It is an astonishing feat."

The book grew out of a series of environmental lectures given by David Angell, a Canadian, in Cambridge last year,

Sustaining Earth (Macmillan,

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Putting the world to right: Matthew Wilkinson (left) and

undertaking at its next meeting. Pality NEW COMP.

Leslie Christie, NUCPS general secretary, said yesterday that be believed that the issue could have been resolved within the union.

Malta war appeal

By JOHN YOUNG

a monument to the siege of Maits, from 1940 to 1943, is to be launched at the Imperial War Museum, London, tonight by the Duke of Edinburgh and Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, former Chief of the Defence Staff, both of whom served as young officers in During the three-year siege the

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# Counties' call for districts to go exposes

DEEP divisions between Con- with the poll tax has now servative local government made them act. Leaders of the leaders will be exposed this Conservative-controlled Asweek when county councils sociation of District Councils call for the abolition of the have been amazed at the lack district councils.

Shire Tones have finally lost patience with their colleagues in the districts, who last week renewed their campaign for the abolition of district councils' leader, said county councils and the that the time of county gov-devolution of their powers to erument in England and the 333 district councils in England and Wales, Until now, leaders of the 47 English and Welsh county councils have tried to remain aloof from the debate.

The announcement by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, however, that he is to review local government structure along

#### Imbert in intensive care unit

Sir Peter Imbert, the Metropolitan police commissioner, was in intensive care at St Thomas's hospital, London, last night with suspected pneumonia

Sir Peter, 57, who had a heart attack in October, was taken to hospital early yesterday complaining of breathing difficulties. Scotland Yard said: "He is in a comfortable and stable condition."

#### Guards beaten

Three prison guards were beaten and threatened with a knife while taking three men in a van from Canterbury prison to Medway mag-istrates' court in Chatham, Kent. Two prisoners were later charged with wounding and trying to escape.

#### Drug charges

Anthony Townley, a 28-yearold gardener to the royal family, is appearing in court at Hunstanton, Norfolk, today on charges including possessing and importing cannabis after a police raid at his home on the Queen's Sandringham

#### Medicine alert

An advertisement for stomach upset remedies featuring Santa Claus has been withdrawn after its display in a Southampton chemist's shop led to complaints that it could encourage young children to swallow household medicines.

#### Prison protest

Poll tax protesters demon-strated outside Lincoln prison, where Brian Wright, of Grantham, began a threeweek sentence this weekend for failing to pay the tax. He is the first defaulter to be jailed.

#### Shots fired

Police were questioning four men yesterday after a gunman opened fire with a shotgun at the Rising Sun public house, Croydon, south London, on Saturday. Shots were fired at the ceiling and at a cupboard.

#### Bond winners

Winners of the National Savings Premium Bonds weekly prizes are: £100,000, number 22PB 908382 (Shreusbury): £50,000, 31DS 098029 (Surrey): £25,000, 5ST 433756, (Newport, Gwent).

of resistance over their campaign for the abolition of the

counties, under the slogan "closer to the people". Last week, Roy Thomason, the ernment in England and Wales had passed, and that there was no excuse for keeping county councils alive as "museum pieces". Some leading shire Tories

notably Tony Hart, leader of Kent county council, have urged the Tory leadership of the Association of County Councils to fight back, John Chatfield, chairman of the association, has been rejuctant to join a bare-knuckle political fight with the districts, preferring to retain a diplomatic stance by offering talks on the

future of local government. At a meeting this week, he will be told that fellow Conservatives on county councils feel that counties must now fight for their survival. The arrival at the environment department of Mr Heseltine, a noted supporter of single-tier local government, has alarmed many

Tories in the counties. They will now call for the creation of one tier of local government, based on the counties, going much further than they have to date. Last week, they issued a carefully worded defence of county government and described the districts' campaign as 'delusive''.

Even as the counties prepare to stiffen their resistance, however, the districts are planning to outflank them by appealing to traditional loyalties. District council leaders believe that counties such as Avon, Humberside and Cleveland are deeply unpopular and could easily be abolished if there was no longer a need to draw county boundaries on the basis of administrative

Mr Thomason said yesterday that the abolition of county councils should be accompanied by a return of traditional counties such as Rutland, the East Riding of Yorkshire and Huntingdon-shire. "We hope that, as MP for Huntingdon, John Major. the prime minister, will welcome the chance to take his rightful title as MP for Huntingdonshire," he added.

If Mr Heseltine does decide to abolish county councils, however, there is a further obstacle to be overcome by those who want to restore traditional counties. The post office has, so far, refused to stop using the present county names in addresses.



Hart: has urged count councils to fight back

### Costs close nation's leading bottle bank

royal empties when the Prince of Wales spends his family holiday on the Isles of Scilly, has become a victim of it own

The bank was given a British Glass award this year because it collected more bottles per head of population than honour of being Europe's anywhere else, its success most wasteful country. owing much to the influx of tourists and a local council campaign to keep the island as unspoiled as possible.

Councillors, however, have voted to abandon the recycling scheme because it costs 100 much money. The bottle bank is filling up so quickly that the cost of sending it by sea to the mainland is

£100 a month. The decision is a setback for Friends of the Earth, the environmental group, which has launched Britain's biggest recycling campaign aimed at cutting domestic waste by a third from 18 million tonnes

over the next decade. The glass industry has already presented an award to Leeds council for becoming the first authority to recycle 15,000 tonnes of glass as well as its award to the Scilly Isles.

BRITAIN'S best used bottle The industry was anxious for bank, the receptacle of the more places to follow the islands' example. Last year it had to import 12,000 tonnes of broken glass from Europe because of Britain's failure to recycle its own waste. The situation is so bad that

Britain now vies with Greece and Turkey for the dubious Jonathon Porrit, director of

Friends of the Earth and an adviser to the Prince of Wales on environmental matters, said: "The general public wants to recycle its waste but the mechanisms do not exist 10 do so. We get hundreds of calls every day from people saying they want to recycle

bottles, cans and paper but

often we have to say they must

throw it away because there

are no facilities near them." Another island community, the Isle of Wight, faced a disposal crisis five years ago after finding that its landfill sites would run out by 1993. The council decided to invest £4 million in a plant converting rubbish into fuel pellets. This plant began full-time operation last month and it can handle more than threequarters of the island's waste.

# Last-ditch plea for photographic pioneer's home

£310,000 is needed to save the house where many eminent

Victorians were photographed. Simon Tait reports

THE home of Britain's great pioneer portrait photographer Julia Margaret Cameron, where many of the great Victorian artists and scientists were immortalised on film, will be demolished at the end of the month unless £310,000 can be raised to save it. An appeal launched in August to buy the Isle of Wight house from developers has brought in only £700. Mrs Cameron was the wife

of a coffee planter. She bought two villas at Freshwater in 1860 and turned them into a mansion, named Dimbola Lodge. Three years later her daughter gave her a Nearly all her pictures

were taken there and she became, in the words of Colin Ford, curator of the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television. perhaps the greatest photographer we have produced, certainly one of the top six". One of her photographic prints was sold



Julia Margaret Cameron's bome at Freshwater on the Isie of Wight, which faces demolition and development

recently at Christie's for to the poet laureate, took which she photographed, £12,000. "For 50 years their holidays on the Isle of and her home was at the everybody who was any- Wight. Mrs Cameron was at heart of British Victorian body, from the Royal Family the centre of the smart set society," Mr Ford said.

edge of Alfred Lord Tennyson's Farringford Estate, a celebrities' row: Charles Dar-

win and later Jenny Lind lived at Redoubt House: William Makepeace Thackeray lived at The Pannells; George Frederick Watts and his wife Ellen Terry lived at The Briary; Terrace House was built by the poet laureate, for his brother.

Mrs Cameron built a studio in the house and there photographed her neighbours and other luminaries such as Sir John Herschel, Robert Browning and Anthony Trollope.

After the second world war the house was divided into two again and renamed Cameron House and Dimbola. Earlier this year Cameron House was bought by SML Developments, and in August planning permission was given for its demolition. After a last-minute campaign the developers agreed to sell Cameron House to a newly created Julia Margaret Cameron Trust, which plans to turn it into a museum. library and study centre. Although the deadline has been extended by a month the developers say they cannot wait any longer.

Hopes that a national body such as the Science Museum could come to the rescue have been dashed. available," Mr Ford said.

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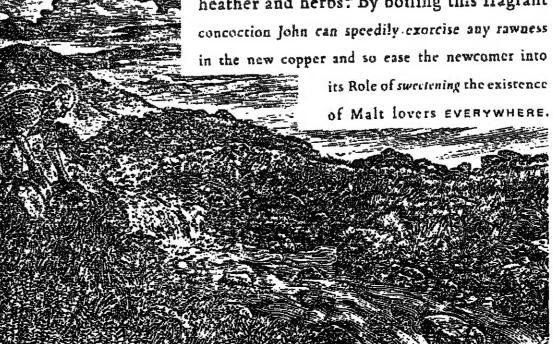
10 YEARS OLD SINGLE HIGHLAND MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

John Murray is a Seasoned Observer of the effects of Time and Change upon the Men, and

upon the whisky which his skill helps to coax from Ross-shire Barley and Spring Water; (to John falls the duty of WELCOMING in the new Distillation'). Over the years he must occasionally ACCOMMODATE a significant

newcomer at the Distillery, in the elegant swan-necked shape of the New Still. The replacement of these Distillery work-horses involves John in a ritual known as 'Sweetening The Still'. This sends him away up the

Morangie Hill, armed with an old 'mash' sack which he fills with a quantity of peat, heather and herbs? By boiling this fragrant



\*Handcrafted by the Sixteen Men of Tain.

# stage comeback by the ballot box From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DHAKA

as president of Bangladesh six rass some serving generals days ago after a mass uprising against him, announced yes-terday that he would attempt a sions for pushing through comeback in elections due government contracts. within 12 weeks.

his heavily guarded house 20,000 people marched into a revolution in support on through the capital demandant independent government, threatening their traditional corruption and suppression of

He may be a hated figure now, but moods change fast in Bangladesh. Mr Ershad seems to believe that voters will look to him for a measure of month uprising, and most stability if the country sinks banks suspended operations a of a comeback without subitical and military supporters.

Opposition demands for his arrest are being made without any serious expectation that the generals who call the sbots in Bangladesh would tolerate the prosecution of one of their

HUSSAIN Mohammad Er- own. Besides, a corruption one of the world's poorest shad, who was forced to resign trial would seriously embar- countries is heading for marwho demand, among other

Ershad seeks to

Although many junior offi-The former general, who seized power eight years ago, has not dared venture outside crals, despite their bringing about his downfall. They feared the uprising could turn Bangladesh is in a more

desperate economic plight factory has been closed for weeks because of the twoweek ago. Railway lines have run-up to elections. But few been torn up and a nationwide people give him much chance transport strike brought the of a comeback without sub-last semblance of economic stantial vote-rigging by pol- activity to a halt. Since Genment has barely functioned, although attempts will be made this week to get people back to work and put the administration on its feet.

The key question is whether

tial law again. Bangladesh was years from 1975, and again for four years from 1982. It has been run directly or indirectly by the military for 15 of its 19 years as an independent state.

The election campaign will lead to severe instability, with the risk that promised elections will have to be abandoned. Now the joint objecplished, opposition will compete for dominance. That means mobilising the biggest crowds, which could lead to severe disruption of law and order. If elections cannot be held on time, martial law will be almost

most of the fact that the two main opposition groups are led by women - Sheikha Hasina Wazed, of the Awami League, and Begum Khalida Zia, of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party. Bangladesh is not a try, but there is a strong strain



of fans congregated to mark the occasion (AP reports from New York). On Saturday, Lennon was also remembered with spontaneous tributes in Los Angeles, a plaque in Liverpool, and a Lennon fans went to Strewberry Fields ite the Manhattan apartment iding where the singer was shot dead by a deranged fan on December 8, 980. "Strawberry Fields" played oftly. Others left flowers outside the wilding for his widow, Yoko Ono.

Duvalier

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From HOWARD FRENCH IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

A WEEK before national elec-

tions in Haiti, there are strong fears of a violent attempt to

block democratic change. These fears have been height-

ened by a grenade attack on a

campaign rally and a sharp

increase in anti-election com-

ments by supporters of the deposed Duvalier family.

tack on Wednesday on a rally

for the popular leftist priest

Jean-Bertrand Aristide,

as they queued to vote.

A mysterious night-time at-

# mission caught short

Shuttle

Nasa is cutting short the shuttle Columbia's problem. plagued 10-day mission by one day because of a plumbing block in the spacecraft's waste water removal system which has blocked the crew's lavatory (Our Foreign Staff writes). The seven-man crew stopped using the lavatory and used plastic containers and empty drink cartons instead

Columbia is now scheduled to land in California at 9:54 pm local time today (0554 GMT tomorrow). The mission had been scheduled to end tomorrow night local time. The mishap did not hinder makeshift observations with the \$150 million Astro-1 astronomical observatory mounted in Columbia's cargo

bay. Meanwhile, the Galik spacecraft skimmed by the Earth at a distance of 590 miles at 64,500 mph, 13 months into a six-year voyage to Jupiter taking pictures and exploring with instruments. The Galileo, launched lass year, used Earth's gravity on Saturday as a slingshot to increase its speed by 11,600 mph.

Troops take over Hyderabad - The Indian Army took control of Hyderabad after 67 people died and more than 100 were injured in some of the worst clashes between Hindus and Muslims in half a century. Soldiers in armoured cars moved into the city's Muslim-majority old quarters after thousands of Hindus began fleeing from their homes in panic folk overnight attacks by Musin mobs. (AFP)

**Detainees to sue** Hong Kong — Lawyers for 111 Vietnamese boat people freed last week after 18 months in Hong Kong detention camps said they would sue the government for heavy damages for false imprisonment. The move follows the government's climbdown in the face of an international outcry over their case. Freed by the Hong Kong courts last month, the

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widely seen as the leading candidate for president, was a Canadian saint reminder of the country's Rome - The Pope has anviolent 1987 elections, which nounced the creation of the were cancelled when 34 people first native Canadian saint. were murdered, most of them Margherite d'Youville, who was born in 1701 and died in

as illegal immigrants.

This year, more than three 1771 after a life dedicated to million Haitians — 80 percent charitable works, the estab-lishment of a hospital for the of the eligible voters - regpoor, and the foundation of elections. Many said they were the Sisters of Charity of now weighing their interest in Montreal Mother d'Youville was beatified in 1959 by Pope their personal safety. John XXIII.

International human rights organisations have renewed their criticisms of the government's seeming failure to investigate fully a series of politically-related violent attacks this year and to implement a warrant for the arrest of Roger Lafontant, a key figure in the 29-year Duvalier family dictatorship.

Security precautions for the elections are decribed as light and rights activists allege that policemen at the election headquarters fail to carry out security checks. Since the emergence of

Father Aristide as the leading

contender for the presidency, many observers say the Duvatierists' resolve to block elections, for fear that they would be brought to justice, has grown strongly. Columnists and radio com-mentators in the Duvalierist media have increased their attacks against the legality of

the electoral council's rejec-tion of several far-right candidates. (NYT)

Back in power

Banakok - The Thai Prime Minister, Chatichai Choonhavan, has been reappointed to head a new government one day after he resigned because of mounting political preswho in 1988 became the elected prime minister for 12 years, promised to administer Thailand with honesty and higher efficiency. (AFP)

Novelist dies

New York - The Cuban who was jailed as a "social misfit" for his anti-Castro stance and whose macabit work often focused on the death of the artist, has died aged 47. His literary agent, Thomas Colchie, said the writer had died in his Manhattan apartment, apparently and alcohol. Reuter)

### Ranchers on trial for Mendes killing

union and conservation activist, go on trial in Brazil this week, marking the final phase a chapter which revolutionised the international ecology movement.

A ranch owner, Darly Alves da Silva, aged 56, is accused of Mendes in December 1988, and his son, Darci, aged 23, is accused of carrying it out. A third suspect is still at large. The trial of the two men who, in the months before the death of Mendes, openly opposed his battle to preserve the rain-

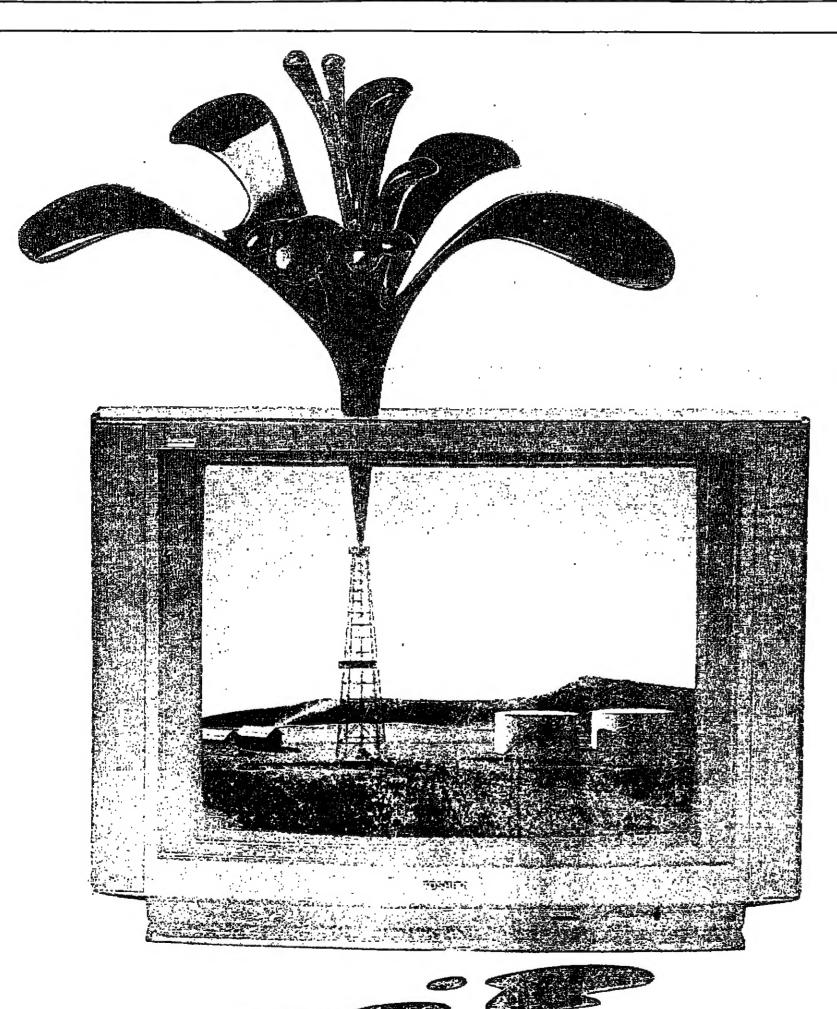
forest, starts on Wednesday. Ecologists, trade unionists, politicians and journalists accused are convicted, and have begun arriving in the eastern Amazonian town of Xapuri for the hearing which will be broadcast on Brazilian television. The only hotel is full and extra food, drinking water and telephone lines are being brought in to meet the increased demand. With typical Amazonian exaggeration, the trial is being called the

'trial of the century

TWO men accused of murder- most two years ago was the ing Chico Mendes, the trade last in a sequence of events which gave the world ecology impetus. Months before Mendes, aged 44, died, a record hot summer in America gave new urgency to the implications of the green house effect, while in Amazo the devastation of that year's unusually savage dry season ecologists into action and forced the Brazilian government to improve its conservation efforts. However, some see the trial

as a show case where justice . may not be served, even if the where Brazil's dismal human rights record is ignored. Lawyers for the Mendes

family are likely to call for the re-opening of an enquiry to investigate allegations of a larger conspiracy by land owners to murder Mendes. The defence wants the trial to be moved because it says that local and international attention means the accused will not be given a fair trial.



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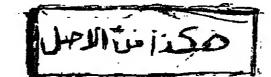
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# Husain calls on Arab states to join in Gulf dialogue

called on all Arab states to begin a dialogue on the Gulf conflict to run alongside the planned direct talks between the United States

We call for an Arab-Arab dialogue that is parallel to the American-Iraqi dialogue on the Gulf crisis because the issue is one of prime concern to the Arabs," King Husain told an army graduation ceremony.

At the same time Iraq moved rapidly to dispel the notion it would now be a soft touch in the talks with the Americans. It set a date for the talks - January 12 that Washington said was un-acceptable, repeated threats against Israel and told President Bush and James Baker, Secretary of State, that any attempt to drive Iraq from Kuwait would lead to a conflict more drawn out and destructive than the Vietnam war.

Despite Baghad's tough words, there was a flurry of reports in the Arab press claiming Iraq would soon make a partial withdrawal from Kuwait, underlining hopes that Saddam Hussein will now sue for the best deal he can get rather face the dismal prospect of trying

to hold on to the emirate. King Husain, who has worked tirelessly to try to effect a peaceful solution but is accused by Iraq's opponents of being too sympathetic to Baghdad, urged that a Arab mediator be selected to sit down with both sides. He said it was hard to see why the Arabs maintained an "embargo on di-

#### **US** stalls over UN linkage

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations Security Council is scheduled to meet again today to discuss a draft resolution linking talks on the Gulf confrontation with the Palestinian

The United States is threatening to veto any resolution that menference on the Middle East and, at the weekend, it forced a rare procedural motion to delay a vote until after further negotiations.

America is eager to appear not to be making any concessions to Iraq and is willing only to refer to a future Middle East peace conference in a statement by the president of the Security Council, which would accompany the resolution.

Although Yemen, the council president and sole Arab member of the 15-nation panel, has been trying to force a vote on a draft resolution containing the controversial paragraph, the Americans' Arab allies in the Gulf have been lobbying to tone down the draft to

avoid an American veto. Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria fear that such a veto on a resolution to protect the Palestinians would strain their alliance

with the US against Iraq. Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, said on CBS television yesterday that he was confident that America would reject the proposed conference,

which Israel would never attend.

Dates rejected, page 1

KING Husain of Jordan yesterday alogue" while both the US and EC were ready to talk to Baghdad.

Echoing the repeated views of President Saddam, who he met in Bashdad last week, the King said that a solution must take into account all Middle East conflicts. a view flatly rejected by Washington. He claimed that the chances of solving the Gulf conflict and the Palestinian problem were better now than ever. "Let us seize this opportunity or we will be cursed by God and by history." he

The Jordanian leader also urged an international peace conference as soon as United Nations Security Council resolutions on Kuwait began to be implemented.

"It is high time for all to defend international legitimacy by upholding it, and for the Security Council to show that it applies one and not two yard sticks," the king said. "The convening of this conference would put an end to conflicts in our region, pave the way for the elimination of weapons of mass destruction in it and strengthen peace and security." The king claimed that the Arabs

still had time to launch a rescue operation and added that compromise was one of the principles in the search for any settlement of the Gulf conflict. His call came amid reports of a flurry of Arab diplomacy behind the scenes and an attempt by Yemen, Decem-ber's chairman of the United Nations Security Council to call a new Arab summit to try to breach the divisions which divided the last one held in Cairo in August.

There have been rumours that Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, has been trying to convene a meeting in Algiers between President Saddam and King Fabd of Saudi Arabia. A PLO diplomat said Saddam had agreed to attend but King Fahd first wanted Iraq to announce it was ready to withdraw from Kuwait.

President Chadli of Algeria met a Saudi envoy for the second time in four days on Saturday for talks

on the confrontation in the Gulf.
President Bush's offer of direct
talks, and Saddam Hussein's decision to release of all hostages has fuelled speculation that both sides are prepared for concessions.

Saddam will wriggle and wriggle so he doesn't have to war over Kuwait," commented Brian Pridham, director of the Gulf Arab studies department at Exeter University. "And the Knwaitis now won't really expect a hundred per cent restoration of their territory and all the royal family. They can offer something in the guise of Arab solidarity. It's all very well for them to breathe fire now, but in the end they'll do what the US imposes on them."



King Husain: call for



Writing off the wall: an Israeli border policeman blacking out anti-Israeli slogans and graffiti in Shuafat refugee camp yesterday on the third anniversary of the Palestinian intifada. Many parts of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank are under curiew

# Jewish settlers adopt siege mentality

West Bank settler with missionary fervour. Defying three years of Palestinian intifada, she asserts the Jewish right to land that much of the world regards as occupied

Arab territory,
"We are the pioneers of the
Nineties," Mrs Shalit says. "Our
settlements offer clean air, good schools and a suburban lifestyle." Maale Adumim, near Jerusalem, and Ariel, near Nablus, are the settlements that have proved most attractive to Soviet Jewish im-

Settlers' leaders like Mrs Shalit are aware of the sensitivity of the issue and emphasise the relatively small numbers of Soviet Jews who have arrived in the West Bank so far. None the less, they make it clear that in the near future they expect large numbers of Russians to arrive as the housing shortage in pre-1967 Israel makes itself felt.

The Ariel population is expected to double to 20,000 by 1993, a prospect which borrifes Israeli liberals and Western governments, but which the settlers look forward to with confidence

As Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, bolds talks with President Bush, the Jewish

settlers of the West Bank are

Richard Owen looks at the conflicting interests of Jews and Palestinians in the occupied lands that Israelis are claiming as their own

making it clear that whatever the outside pressures, or the internal pressures of the Arab intifada, they have no intention of leaving - ever. On the contrary, many settlers believe they will one day displace the Arab population altogether, if it becomes clear that Arabs and Jews cannot live alongside one another in "the land of Israel" (a term used by the Israeli right to refer to both Israel proper and the occupied territories).

"Our presence here is irreversible," says Marc Zell, a spokesman for the settlers. He announced at a press conference held by the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria (the term used by many Israelis to refer to the West Bank) that the number of Jewish settlers had increased by 30 per cent over the past three years to reach nearly 100,000.

Settlers' leaders said that some 4,000 Jews had been injured Arabs using stones or bombs since the intifada began. The government, however, has roads bypassing "hostile areas", and they proudly display a map of the West Bank dotted with clusters of settlements that they say are needed for security reasons as well as to provide a "decent lifestyle" and in some cases relatively easy access to jobs inside Israel itself.

In reality, the settlers live under siege, and run a gauntlet of stones every day, with their children bussed to school in convoys protected by the Israeli army. But once inside the fence at a settlement like Masle Adumim, they live in modern housing, with neat and expensively-watered suburban lawns - a far cry from the dusty drabness of nearby Arab

villages.
Settlers maintain that they wish to live as "good neighbours" with the Arabs. But the only Palestinians to be seen on the settlements are labourers, and there is frequent friction between settlers and all settlers carry guns, and are increasingly using them as the Palestinians resort to firearms.

issue. Of the 150,000 Russian Jews who have arrived so far this year, only one per cent have gone to West Bank settlements. None the less settlers' leaders are confident that, thanks to Soviet emigration, Jewish communities throughout the West Bank will continue to

This places the Shamir government in a dilemma. Many members of the administration, including Mr Shamir himself regard Jewish settlement on the West Bank as desirable for both ideological and security reasons. But the United States opposes the use of Western financial aid for

the building of new settlements. Instead, Mr Ariel Sharon, the hawkish housing minister, has focused on the expansion of existing settlements and the building of 13 new settlements along the "green line" between Israel and the West Bank.

Mr Sharon is also encouraging Soviet Jews to settle in Arab east Jerusalem, which Israel has

annexed.
The Arab and Jewish populations of east Jerusalem are now roughly equal, at 150,000, leading to the Palestinian charge that Mr Shamir wants to make the whole

of Jerusalem Jewish.

The occupied territories are home to 1.75 million Palestinians, who would have to be either deprived of their civil rights or deported if the predominantly Jewish character of Israel were to be preserved. The official policy of the Jewish settler movement therefore remains co-existence, with Arabs and Jews "sharing the land". But given the growing militancy of both sides it is hard to see how a compromise can be found when the trend on both sides is towards an outright claim to the land that both Jews and Arabs regard as theirs by right.

#### **Israelis** sue for spy-book damages

Ottawa - The Israeli government is sning a Canadian publisher and the authors of a best-selling book detailing the activities of Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service, and is seeking all the profits from the book, as well as about £800,000 in damages (Agence-France Presse reports).

Israel failed to block publication of By Way of Deception, written by Victor Ostrovsky, a Mossad agent from 1984 to 1986, and Claire Hoy, a Canadian journalist, last September when it was published by the Stoddart Publishing Company.

Israel contends that Mr Ostrovsky wrongfully appropriated documents belonging to the Israeli government, allowing him to obtain confidential information, which the suit alleges he copied into a private journal.

The Israeli government also says that the author broke a vow of secrecy he took as a Mossad agent. Israel has denied most of the assertions in the book, which has sold more than 450,000 copies in the United States alone and has been translated into several

#### Anti-war protests

Chicago - Several thousand antiwar demonstrators, carrying placards and cardboard coffins, gathered here to protest at American policy in the Gulf, shouting: "No blood for oil." Speakers condemned the buildup of troops in Saudi Arabia and urged demonstrators around the country to prepare for a march on Washington on January 26. Smalller demonstrations were held in Washington, New York, Milwaukee and elsewhere. (AP)

#### Air raid advice

Baghdad - The director of Iraq's saying — The director of Iraq's civil defence has told Iraqis to keep calm and strictly follow instructions during possible air raids. In an interview broadcast on television in Baghdad, Waal Hammoudi said that the Iraqi people had enough experience during the war with Iran in 1980-88 to deal with raids. Mr Hammoudi did not say directly that attacks might be mounted by the American-led multinational forces in Saudi Arabia.

#### Kuwait exodus

Manama - The number of Kuwaitis fleeing their occupied country into Saudi Arabia has fallen sharply amid signs that the Gulf conflict may be resolved soon, a Kuwaiti official said. Only 23 Kuwaitis crossed the border post at Al-Khafji in northeastern Saudi Arabia on Saturday. Half of Kuwait's 800,000 nationals have fled the country for other states in the Gulf since the Iraqi invasion on August 2. (AFP)

#### Medicine plea

Baphdad - Iraq called on the Swiss government yesterday to release frozen assets so that it could buy medicine needed to save children. The health minister, Abdel-Salem Mohammed Saced, said the freezing of funds prevented payments to Swiss firms contracted to supply medicine. Shipments of medicine to Iraq are not forbidden under the United Nations sanctions but are reduced by side effects of the embargo. (Reuter)

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#### Violent start to intifada's new year From Paul Adams in Jerusalem separate clash. Elsewhere in the of Arabs from the occupied

THE start of the fourth year of the Palestinian intifada uprising in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip was marked yesterday with more bloodshed. Two Palestinians were shot and one died later. Since the intifada was launched three years ago more than 1,000 people have

Yesterday Mourdi al-Madani, aged 27, became the first victim of the uprising's fourth year when Israeli soldiers fired at stonethrowing Palestinians defying a curfew in the Gaza Strip village of Beni Suhaila.

Relatives said Mr al-Madani was shot at close range. The army said he died after a struggle with border policemen. He was shot in the right thigh. Hospital officials said the bullet severed an artery. The army said another Palestin-

ian was also shot in the leg in a

Gaza Strip the anniversary was marked by scattered tyre-burning and stone-throwing.

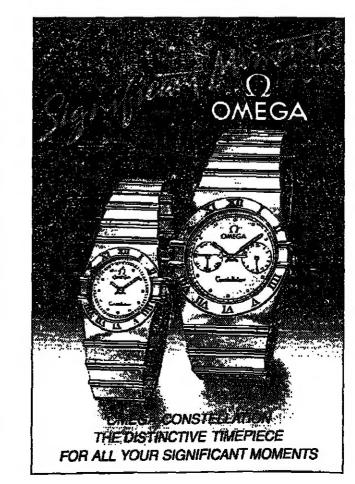
A sullen quiet prevailed throughout much of the territories, the result of a general strike called by the intifada leaders and army curfews that kept as many as a million Palestinians indoors.

Slogans on walls in Bethlehem called for 1991 to be "the year of destroying the enemy". They were signed by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Another slogan signed by the Islamic Jihad group said: "The language of stones, knives, and bullets is the only language the enemy will understand."

Meanwhile, leaders of the orthodox right-wing Tehiya party denied reports that the party was planning to include the expulsion

territories in its platform. The reports came as Yuval Neeman. the party leader who is also science and energy minister, gave a warning that Palestinians who take up arms against Israel would suffer the same fate as those who fled or were driven from their homes in 1948.

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# Visa letters hitch holds up hostages

ne of the first British hostages to leave iraq since President Saddam's edict said yesterday there were still a number of foreigners, including Britons, unable to leave because their Iraqi sponsor organisations would not provide them with the letters needed to secure an exit visa.

The Londoner, aged 36, arrived aboard the daily Iraqi Airways flight from Baghdad to Amman, where he immediately went to a telephone to tell his wife that he was free. The Briton, who asked that his name and job not be publicised, had not seen his family since they left Iraq in September.

"I have heard of some people prevented from leaving because their sponsors will not give them letters, but I believe this is a temporary glitch," the Londoner said. "Some Britons have been told by Iraqi companies that they want one representative per firm to stay behind."

The fermer hostage, the only Briton aboard the Iraqi plane, said that he had secured his seat by telephoning the Baghdad office and had received his visa yesterday morning in less than 30 minutes, instead of the 24 hours usually needed to secure

He told reporters that when he

From Christopher Walker in amman shortly before it opened at 8am, there were already five other Britons there, including two

from Kuwait. "The staff were being more helpful than usual," he said. "I think that any delay on getting people out will be caused by the lack of planes, rather than probems getting exit stamps."

The bearded Londoner had been resident in Baghdad for two years and had continued working until his departure.

"Some people have even chosen to stay on because there is still work to be done," he said. Not everyone is trying to leave in a hurry. There will be those who stay behind for a few weeks,

he Briton said he had left a colleague behind, which was why he did not want to be identified. As the first of the British hostages to arrive in Amman, he was mobbed on urival by a crowd of more than 60 reporters and cameramen. A group of four German volunteers waiting to fly out to an Iraci "peace camp" looked on be-mused, one holding a wilting bunch of yellow flowers.

Sitting on the tarmac was a British Airways Boeing 767 stocked with 400 bottles of champagne, which has been that he would never go back to a

because Baghdad will not give it permission to land. "We shall wait for two or three days more to see if enough hostages come through here for us to fly them home," said Derek Ross, an

airline spokesman. Mr Ross said the main purpose of the flight, which includes a medical team of two nurses and a doctor, was to rescue the remaining 55 passengers from British Airways flight 149, which is still stranded at Kuwait airport, where it was caught en route to Madras when the August 2 invasion was launched.

Baghdad. The former British hostage spoke emotionally of his relief at leaving, but said he had not been surprised to hear the news on the BBC World Service while at his Baghdad home last Thursday afternoon.

There are also 37 British Airways

crew members among Western-

ers still waiting to leave

"The reason why he freed us is obvious," he said. "Tariq Aziz (the foreign minister) could not go to Washington for talks until we had been set free."

The Briton said there had been parties among the British expatriate community to celebrate the news, and that another had been planned for yesterday at hunchtime. He said angrily stranded in Jordan since Friday country which had taken his

family hostage.

"Life was pretty bloody awful," he said. "My wife and kids (aged two-and-a-half and nine months) left in early September and, of course, I did not know whether I would ever see them again. The worst moment was in mid-November, when it seemed likely there was going to be a war in the next few days. There was one day in particular when a lot of people felt it was going to happen that night." he jubilant former hostage

said that 400 foreigners had received exit visas on Saturday and that the problem of securing seats on planes could mount as more were issued. lragi Airways has cut the number of daily flights to Amman from two to one.

"I am out earlier than the others because someone in my office suggested that I phone the airline, and when I did they told me they had one last seat left, although there were ten empty on the plane," the Briton said. "Many British people have no

thought of trying to get out this

way because they automatically

assumed the planes were all

Also on his flight from Baghdad was Gissli Sigurdsson, Iraq's only icelandic hostage, formerly chief doctor at the main hospital in Kuwait city, who was taken under the diplomatic wing of the Swedish embassy in Bashdad
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# Walesa battles to cast off mentality of the barricades

A NEWS agency picture, all dots and smudge, shows two tired men ont Walesa's Poland." Such elecin a crowd, leaving the Gdansk shipyard. Their arms are linked. On the right, Tadeusz Mazowiecki resembles a sickly nun, in need of support. Lech Walesa, his prop, has his head cocked upwards for the photographers. The pose is familiar, conveying the certainty of victory. The back of the picture ars the usual laconic note to editors: "inconclusive end to Lenin shipyard strike, May 1988".

In reality, it was the end of a dispute that brought the communist authorities to the negotiating table, and the brink of collapse. Mr Walesa knew it then: it is stamped on his face. Mr Mazowiecki, and the newspaper editors, did not. There seemed little doubt that

Mr Walesa would emerge victorious last night in the Polish presidential poll. He has trounced Mr Mazowiecki, whom he chose as Solidarity's prime minister, and dispatched the surprising chall-enge from Stanislaw Tyminski.

It has been a Western-style election, the first of its kind in the post-communist world. The issue was Lech Walesa — whether the revolutionary leader is able to make the transition to statesman, and whether he is a dictator-inwaiting or merely the man of determination Poland needs. The

tactics of the campaign say much about the man. First, he held back

from announcing a programme.
"My programme is your programme," he would tell the work-

tion patter was not enough

His team came up with manifesto. Few people read it. If they had, they would see that Mr Walesa stood for exactly the same policies as his chief first-round rival, Mr Mazowiecki: swift privatisation, Soviet troops out of Poland by the end of 1991, a ional rather than a conscript army, pressure on the West to cancel debts, forward to Europe, In contrast to Mr Mazowiecki, Mr Walesa offered speed and justice. Reform has

been too sluggish.

After Mr Tyminski had poached enough votes from Mr Mazowicki and Mr Walesa to emerge as the Solidarity chief's main rival, the tactics were changed. Phone calls from Gdansk to Warsaw: Mr Tyminski was a threat to the nation, Solidarity had to stick together and vote for Mr Walesa, Mr Mazowiecki should withdraw his resignation and stay in place at least until parliamentary elections. To Walesa supporters, who had fought an anti-Mazowiecki cam-

paign, it was all rather baffling.

The 47-year-old worker — his critics dub him the Great Electrician and say he intends to become General Electric - has been playing the crowd. There is an urge to find scapegoats on the hard road to the market. Mr Walesa is still a revolutionary. If there is a crowd emotion, he must tap it. In 1980, he told strikers

The Solidarity leader's critics say that his move to the presidential palace will unleash a dictator-in-waiting. Roger Boyes weighs up the dissident who came in from the cold

venomous about Jews and communists. This unpleasant nationalist wave has helped to carry him from the barricades to the palace.

But the Solidarity chief is not an anti-semite, nor a crude populist. Now he must quickly discard the crowd, otherwise its ugliness will scar the presidency. He must find other ways of dealing with popular frustration. Mr Walesa's approach to Mr Mazowiecki was more than a tactical bid for votes: it showed that the Solidarity chief was beginning to think like a president. Perhaps then, one should rely on Mr Walesa's fabled political intuition to assert itself.

Halfway through the August 1980 strike in the shipyards, it would have been easy to settle, but Mr Walesa followed his nose and went all out for a free trade union. After his release from internment, he was right not to disappear into the underground struggle, but to stay in the open. If he had not, the struggle against martial law would have turned violent; Mr Walesa earned his Nobel peace prize,

He knew that the communists were edging closer and closer to dialogue. He used the threat of a table negotiation with the com-

no?" Now the crowd is nastier, munists. Again, it was Mr Walesa who sensed that Solidarity could lure the formerly stooge Peasant and Democrat parties away from their traditional alliance with the communists. Mr Walesa put a Solidarity-led government into nower, and chose the right prime minister. And now, he is right again - Solidarity cannot survive as a governing monolith. Solidar-ity has indeed become too comfortable in power. For the past year, Poland has in effect been a

one-party state. By forcing himself on the presi-dency, Mr Walesa has pushed Poland closer to democracy, while making himself seem profoundly anti-democratic. A man, es-pecially a political man, can be right for the wrong reasons.

The Walesa of 1990 is not the washbuckling electrician of 1980. Then too, he was a little vain and had the rudeness sometimes seen in busy, popular people. In 1980-81, he was unmistakeably the creature of the Solidarity movement; without Solidarity, he was a funny little chap always in trouble with the authorities

During martial law, he wa interned for almost a year in an isolated hunting lodge, His



Pre-poll prayers: Lech Walesa with his son Slawomir at Mass in Gdansk before casting his vote yesterday

together, and grew into a recognisable political class. Mr Walesa, understimulated, and casily bored, was unable to gauge his real importance. Smuggled messages from the Pope helped, but he found himself drifting away from the church hierarchy. As Solidarity chief, his Christian faith conced him that the union could be both socialist - or rather social democratic - and Christian, since with ten million members it was nothing less than a national movement. Those certainties died

in his year of confinement. He is still a practising Catholic.

arguing for the anti-abortion law and religious education. But his relationship with church strategists has changed fundamentally. By the end of martial law, he acted

as if Solidarity were his creation. forced a divorce between workers and intellectuals. This alliance was probably Solidarity's greatest achievement, defining the terms of civil society under anthoritar-ian rule. Now Mr Walesa attacks intellectuals as backbiting and naive. His intuition may be

Intellectuals are losing their

middle class emerges from the ruins of the planned economy. But there is a meanness and messiness to it all. To pit workers again their former advisers in the intelligentsia - Mr Mazowiecki amono them - is to miss the point and merely provides the crowd with more whipping boys. As a result Mr Walesa's current team of advisers are a particularly medio. cre team, political infighters trying to put together a presidence

Cut free from these advisers. Mr Walesa might just make a good

Mr Walesa's critics say that he is dictatorial and that, equipped with a president's power - which include a guiding role in defence and foreign policy, the right to govern by decree, to dissolve parliaments, and veto legislation — he will lead Poland into a kind

of pre-war autocracy.
Personally, Mr Walesa is
overbearing. However, he is not a dictator-in-waiting. His weakness is impatience. Poland, sand-wiched between a muscular, selfconfident Germany, and a disinte grating, introspective Soviet Union, does not need an impul-sive leader. Perhaps, Mr Wales has the makings of a great statesman. Revolutionaries have tended to fail in moving from barricades to palace. For a prag-matist of his calibre, it is not

# Soviet rail disruption hits drive to feed cities

THE task facing Soviet and Western officials as they struggle to feed to the Soviet military at the more daunting after it emerged yesterday that the railway system was in a chaotic mess. The service was officially described as

The communist daily Pravda said 20,000 containers and 300 ons were waiting unloaded at railway yards in Moscow. Some of them had been abandoned since July. A total of 23,500 tonnes of goods, including medicine and

food, had accumulated. Western diplomats said promised dispatch to Russia of Berlin's entire strategic food reserves, worth \$330 million (£150 million), had been complicated by a pile-up of trains at the Soviet-Polish and Polish-German borders, making the use of rail transport virtually impossible.

An initial consignment of milk powder and medicine from the

#### De Maizière accused of Stasi link

Boun - The interior ministry here is investigating allegations that Lothar de Maizière, the leader of the Christian Democrats (CDU) in eastern Germany, was an undercover agent for the Stasi secret police, working under the codename "Czerny", (Ian Murray The allegation has further com-

plicated the task of Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, in forming a new coalition government. Herr de Maizière promptly

denied the allegation and insisted a Stasi card index card showing that "Czerny" lived at his address in Treptower Park in Berlin was forged. He says that he is the victim of the same plot which led to him being falsely accused last January of collaborating with the

#### Eta bomb kills six

A car bomb killed six policemen and injured eight other people at Sabadell, near Barcelona, in the first fatal attack of a renewed campaign by the Basque group Eta to undermine the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, police said (Our Foreign Staff writes). The blast raised Spain's 1990 total of terrorism

#### Albanians protest

Belgrade - Police broke up a protest by students in the Albanian capital, Tirana, yesterday, (Richard Bassett writes). Young Albanians, impatient for change, have rioted on several occasions this year, particularly in the town of Kavaje. Yesterday's protest was reportedly sparked off by power failures in two dormitories.

#### Multi-party move

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Leanda - Angola's ruling party has agreed to relinquish its 15-year monopoly on power and implement a multi-party democracy before the end of March 1991 state radio reported. The move is expected to boost talks between the government and American-

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Berlin reserves was handed over weekend for transportation by air. It also became clear that, despite Moscow's reluctance, some food from Germany will be flown into the Soviet Union by German

The Pravda article gave some indirect but astonishing evidence of the extent to which food is diverted away from state distribution channels even when it does arrive safety in Moscow warehouses. The paper said 100 was-ons of mostly imported meat had been waiting at sidings for two ent, a processing factory in northern Moscow pleaded that it neither had the storage space nor

sufficient production facilities But as Pravda hinted, if there is a shred of truth in these excuses, questions arise about where the meat that is clogging up the eventually ends up. A moment's glance at city food shops makes clear that the meat is going

anywhere except on to the shelves. The KGB, meanhwile, gave initial details of its campaign to combat the theft of food: in a Tass report it described a foiled attempt to smuggle abroad 150 tonnes of milk powder and the discovery in an Uzbekistan ravine of 76 tonnes of stolen rice.

However, Sergei Stankevich, Moscow's liberal deputy mayor, said the drop in supplies from other Soviet regions, rather than diversion, was the main reason for the food shortage which he said had left residents of the city in desperate need. He also cited a fall in the value of the rouble and Moscow's lack of industrial goods with which to barrer, as another reason why run areas were

cutting supplies to the capital. The deputy mayor said Moscow's deprivation also reflected political factors, a delicate reference to the widespread charges that conservative authorities in rural areas, influenced by Ivan Polozkov, the Russian Com-munist party chief, are mounting a blockade of Moscow.

Mr Stankevich said the cessation or reduction of milk supplies by nine regions had forced the Moscow authorities to cut production at a factory producing baby food, so that its output was available only for sick childen.

ment of a committee to process humanitarian aid in co-operation with the Soviet Red Cross and charity groups. He urged donors to give the authorities maximum dvance warning of the contents and arrival dates of their gifts. BONN: China intends to boost

food exports to Moscow to help its neighbour get through the winter. a German newspaper reported yesterday. The business daily Handelsblatt quoted Tian Zengpei, a deputy foreign min-ister, as saying that Peking would ship more food and also increase trade along its long border with the Soviet Union. But Mr Tian said the food would be sold at market prices rather than sent as

free aid. (Reuter) • Party named: The Independent Communist Party of Lithuania, which broke ranks with the Kremlin last year, has renamed itself the Democratic Labour party. The party was formed in December last year after a split in the 200,000-member Lithuanian Communist Party. (AP)



Banner of defiance: a demonstrator waving a black flag in Moscow as 5,000 anarchists and radicals demanded the resignation of the Soviet government at the weekend. Last night, 10,000 human rights protesters marched to the notorious Labyanka headquarters of the KGB

# Hurd will present softer stance on Europe's future

By ANDREW MCEWEN, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

contains no change in policy but in fact marks a political watershed is a rare thing. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, is expected to offer such a combination in a peech in Berlin today, setting out Britain's views before the Euro-

Rome at the weekend. He may hint that while the government still objects to most of the federalist ideas circulated by Germany, France and Italy, it is

unlikely to veto them.

Margaret Thatcher's resignation has not healed Conservative divisions over Europe, but has brought a more pragmatic ap-proach. Mr Hurd will argue Britain's objections to an imposed single currency, a central bank, and steps towards political inte-gration. But it will be clear from his tone that if Britain loses the arguments it will not repeat the 11-1 confrontations of the Thatcher era. John Major's administration will set itself the more limited objective of ensuring that any ideas adopted are practical and workable.

Mr Hurd will emphasise a constructive approach to the summit and the inter-governmental conferences on political and monetary union which open in Rome on Saturday. The government wants to avoid another damaging clash after its isolation at the October summit which led to Sir Geoffrey Howe's resignation

tapped the growing opposition to one of Europe's last com-

munist strongholds. Mr Milo-

sevic, however, enjoys the

support of the army, the last

federal institution with any

In an unprecedented inter-

view on the eve of the election.

clearly intended to influence the

voting, General Veliko Kadi-

jevic, the Yugoslav minister of

defence, accused the opposition

of being "adventurers". He said that the army would

defend Yugoslavia's existing

constitution. General Kadijevic

left voters in no doubt as to

where the army's sympathies

authority.

to Mrs Thatcher. Mr Hurd has argued for some time that Britain should fight its corner "without frightening itself with ogres", a reference to intregrationist ideas. This approach has been weakened by the open letter which President Mitterrand and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, sent to Guilio

Andreotti, the Italian prime minister, on Friday. One of its proposals was that the European Council (usually called the summit) and the Council of Ministers (consisting of ministers

from the 12 governments) should take nearly all decisions by qualified majority vote. Last week Mr Hurd dismissed political union as "a Humpty-Dumpty term meaning what you want it to mean", but the Mitterrand/Kohl proposal be-If it were adopted Britain

would lose the limited power it has to hold back European integration. At present only decisions essential for the implementation of the internal market are supposed to be taken by majority vote, but this has been stretched to include loosely-related matters. The October summit under-

lined Britain's weakness, in that the 11 other heads of government gave directions to the Council of Ministers to prepare for fall economic and monetary union, despite Mrs Thatcher's objections.

The Mitterrand/Kohl letter was a compromise which balanced France's wish for a powerful central decision-making authority against Bonn's wish to give the European Parliament real powers. it removed any hope the British might have had that the two would go to Rome divided. Both powers remain more cautious than Italy, but Rome is likely to fall into line. The lener also called from a strengthened Western European Union linked to the European Community. Britain sees that WEU as the European piller of Nato, and would not want to weaken that link. It would also want any EC policy to deal with security rather than defence, a distinction which has caused confusion. There is, however, room for compromise.

Another Franco-German proposal was that the conference on political union should lay the basis for European citizenship. Hurd is unlikely to reject the principle but may point out practical difficulties. He is also expected to reiterate Britain's objections to an imposed single currency and its preference for the ecu to be adopted as a 13th сштепсу.

He may try to soften German objections by saving that the European body which would administer this would be politically independent, as Bonn wants to follow the example of its own Bundesbank. Britain also believes that the ecu-organisation could evolve slowly into the European central bank which the others have supported. This is unlikely to find support, because the majority want such an organisation before the end of the century.

Mr Hurd is also expected to emphasise that Britain wants another principle written into the political union treaty. No EC legislation should be passed without considering whether it might be better left to national governments, and no legislation should go into greater detail than that needed to ensure EC objectives. Britain believes that this would prevent national governments from being reduced to the status of county councils.

# Opposition alleges Serbia poll fraud

From Dessa Trevisan and Richard Bassett in Belgrade

THE people of the Yugoslav republics of Serbia and Montenegro turned out in force to cast their votes in local par-liamentary and presidential elections vesterday amid allegations of vote-rigging by the

Vuk Draskovic, the leader of Sercia's main opposition party, denounced the communist party for rigging votes in order to ensure that it retained power. Mr Draskovic, the head of the Serbian Renewal Movement, alleged that the vote-rigging could involve as many as 30 per cent of the electorate. Voting had begun two days before the official election date, he claimed. "This is a criminal

act," he stated. Mr Draskovic gave a warning that such tactics would not save the communists, and the opposition parties would unite to

reject the results. The Serbian poll is considered by Western observers, including those from the American state department, to be the most important election in Eastern Europe. The future of Yugoslavia as a political entity hinges on the voting which is taking place against a background of ever-widening differences between the democratically elected governments of the northern republics of Slovenia and Croatia and Serbia's communist government, headed by Slobodan Milosevic.

Serbian voters face the choice between anti-communist parties and a powerful Communist party still retaining formidable influence, including complete control of the media, the armed forces, the secret police and the

Though Mr Milosevic, the communist leader, changed the party's name to Socialist receatly, its ideology, personnel

and methods remain the same. Draskovic has been depicted as Mr Draskovic, whose long a "Cetnik leader" bent on civil hair and beard give him an war. The Cetniks were royalists almost biblical appearance, said after he had voted: "We will not supporting the king of Yugo-slavia during the second world accept the results of any votes cast outside the official time. war and fought a bitter, fratricidal war against Marshal Tito's between 7am and 7pm on communist partisans. Yesterday, there was increas-





Slobodan Milosevic, the Communist leader, left, and his main challenger, Vuk Draskovic, casting their votes

opposition leaders, he cited intimidation and the doctoring of electoral lists - to include many people long dead - as two
of the "most common irregularities". Despite a ban on campaign-

ing in the 48 hours before polling, communist supporters continued to canvass and intimidate voters right up to the last moment. In the town of Dimitrovgrad, near the Bulgar-ian frontier, Mr Milosevic's supporters said that, were Mr Draskovic to be elected, all Bulgars in the area would face deportation.

In other Serbian towns, Mir

ing evidence that voting was already taking place in army barracks, police stations and state hospitals, in defiance of the electoral law, on Friday and Saturday.

These irregularities, coupled with the boycott of the election yesterday in Kosovo by 700,000 ethnic Albanian voters, seem certain to increase growing demands for rapid change in Serbin which the election will fail to satisfy.

In contrast to Mr Milosevic, who had reduced his public appearances in recent months as his popularity dwindled, Mr Draskovic has successfully

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lay. It remains opposed to Western-style reform and committed to socialism, though Western observers note that there are increasing signs of differences within the army general staff. Latest opinion polls suggest

that the presidency of Serbia, which was contested by 32 candidates, will go to Mr Milosevic, who is ahead of his main rival, Mr Draskovic, by a few points. The same polls indicated.

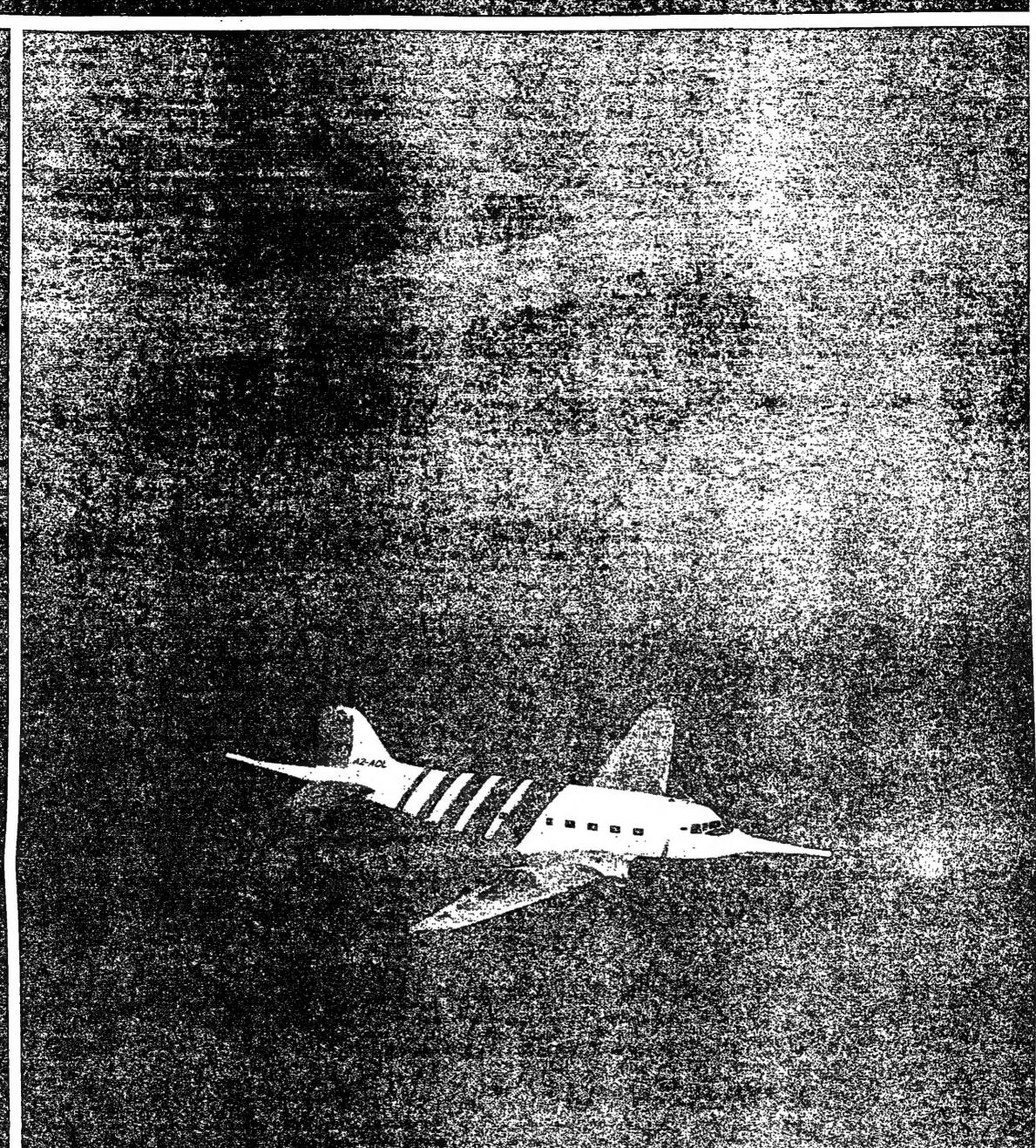
however, that the communists would not secure a majority of the 250 parliamentary scals. Yesterday Mr Draskovic insisted that the local parliamentary election was more important. He said: "Even if Milosevic were to win the presidency, it is the parliament vhich decides."

But as a result of recently passed laws, Mr Milosevic enjoys as president formidable powers, which include the right to dissolve parliament and declare a state of emergency. He is also the commander-in-chief of the Serbian armed forces.

In Montenegro, the old guard communist leadership appeared set to retain its hold on power.

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# Labour must aim higher

**Ronald Butt** 

The Labour party has now apparently come to accept so many of the basic economic and social principles established by the Tories, with popular support, that it may almost appear to be electable simply on a protest vote against the aspects of Thatcherism that have been unpopular. Yet the old sour social attitudes still cling to many of Labour's revised policies and may be the cause of its undoing, particularly now that John Ma-jor's prime ministership promises a brand of Toryism that is more sensitive to public grievances than

was Mrs Thatcher's.
The nature of Labour's handicap is illustrated with particular clarity by its education policy, which Neil Kinnock thinks ought to be a winner. On the face of it, there has been a shift away from the excesses of egalitarian theory that still dominated Labour thinking until well after 1983. For example, the commitment to abolish the independent schools has been abandoned. Today they will merely have to meet tighter tests if they are to keep their charitable status, and this turns on what contributions they make to the local community. That presumably means whether or not they will share such facilities as playing fields with state schools. Labour's chief education spokesman, Jack Straw, even concedes that the independent schools are "part of the political landscape", though be admits his dislike of their alleged social divisiveness

Labour was also formerly hostile to the concept of core curricula and to the Tories' emphasis on improving and testing standards of attainment. Now it waywardly follows the Tory lead, though its chief chosen instrument for improving teaching standards is a characteristically bureaucratic monstrosity, an Education Standards Council (which would be the old educationalists' establishment in a new form) to measure schools' performance.

Last week, Labour launched a new, glossy, education policy pamphlet called Aiming High. Designed to emphasise its concern for standards, it is lavish in design and colour photography decorating a text that reveals nothing more than was already known. What is really significant about this essay in presentational technique is the careful omission of any reference to a number of intentions that are in fact the real heart of Labour's education pol-

The pamphlet does not, for instance, remind people that, while Labour has reprieved the independent schools, it still intends to abolish the means-tested assisted places in those schools which enable 30,000 able children from poorer homes to share in some of the best available eduimportant in many inner-city areas where, because of the abolition of grammar schools, the state can offer these boys and girls only the worst sort of comprehensive, in which the chances of a potentially academic child are damaged by the lack of enough children with similar capabilities and teachers with the appropriate academic background.

Nor does the document draw attention to Labour's declared intention to abolish the Tories' opting-out scheme, which enables parents to transfer their state schools from local authority control to independent self-management while being wholly and

directly funded by the state. In other words, Labour is pre-pared, grudgingly, to allow educational independence (and hence responsibility to parents rather than to "educationalists") to those parents who can manage, even if only just, to pay for their children to go to independent schools. But it denies such choice to parents who want their children to escape by opting out from the local authority schools and from the domination not simply of the part-time local politicians but, more damagingly, of the educational establishment of theorists who were originally responsible for abolishing gram-mar schols and for imposing comprehensives regardless of local

social conditions. Aiming High jibes at Mrs Thatcher because, both as education secretary and prime minister, she closed more grammar schools and opened more comprehensives than any other minister. The reason, says the document, was that "public pressure was so great". But the pressure on her was not in reality from the public but from the political egalitarians who had determined how teachers should be trained and children taught. It has been their begemony in the state sector that has driven so many parents who can ill afford it to the independent schools (many of them now former direct grant schools) which did so much to keep objective standards of teaching and learning alive when they were scorned in the local

authority schools.

Labour still finds it hard to give due weight to parents' wishes equality of opportunity, disci-plined academic learning for those suited to it, and a genuinely highquality vocational option post-14 for those who want it. Mr Straw recently bemoaned the small number of Oxbridge graduates now becoming teachers compared with the past. But he clearly finds it difficult to envisage the extent to which such graduates are put off, not only by poor pay, but by the depressing teaching conditions in so many state schools. Labour does not understand that the basic attraction of independent schools is not their playing fields and equipment, but their teaching standards. A lingering preference for socialist theory has led the Labour party into the trap of allowing choice in education only to those who can pay for it.

#### ...and moreover

### MATTHEW PARRIS

f you read this, you will know I made it through the snow to Darley Dale, civilisation, and Ellie Walker's 80th birthday party.

So much for global warming! What price, now, your greenhouse effect? I struggled through the snow to the barn where my old, broken fridge lies and contemplated laying into it with a nick, in case the release into the atmosphere of the chlorofluorocarbon-rich refrigerant gas might tip the balance back towards summer.

Can you tell this was not written on my word processor? Has the smell of wood smoke and the candlelight's glow survived the freezing walk through snowdrifts, the telephone line to London, and the new technology at Wapping?

The lights went out at 1.30am on Saturday, with a bang and a blue flash. The telephone spluttered out, during the day. This Sunday morning the two-mile lane to the nearest village is chest-high in snowdrifts, the village itself is without power or telephones, and cut off by road from the A6, Derwent Valley, Matlock and Derby. Down there, we hear, life is comparatively normal, and Ellie has not cancelled her birthday party. She takes the view that, after 80 years' wait, it would be feeble to postpone a celebration because of the weather. I agree. When I have written this I shall set out for her house on foot.

Apart from the inconvenience and the thrill of it all. the effect of a sudden suspension of our ordinary means of communication is one of an instant slowing down - almost to a standstill - of time.

Usually, weekends race by: people to see, visits to make. things to buy and deliver. Events happen not just faster, but more. It is not simply that nothing has happened to me for the past two days, beyond getting the wood and coal in, eating two tins of baked beans, and making one struggling visit to the village; nothing has happened to anyone around me, either. Communication of all kinds has been

sharply reduced. We sometimes speak as

ation technology that started with the telephone was just a revolution in the speed and means of communication, but did not change the nature of what was communicated. An MP's secretary, busy "replying" by means of a word-processed form-letter to a mass "write in" (in the form of hundreds of identical letters, differing only in the signature), once said to me: "Thank goodness for word processors, or how would I have been able to reply to this lot?"

Not just the news of the occurrence but the occurrence itself is created by the technology of communication and rapid travel. Imagine the last month in British and inter-national politics if global communications and travel had been frozen by a snowfall such as grips Derbyshire this weekend. Tony Benn would be on a boat bound for the Gulf, Ted Heath would be on a boat coming back, their missions far from the public mind.

Ambassadors, not prime ministers, would be conducting foreign policy, except where the and these would take months. Mrs Thatcher would not have gone to Paris while her leadership campaign stumbled: indeed she would probably not have been challenged: without the telephone, how can 300 men conspire quickly? Without radio. TV and newspapers, would the thing ever have gathered momentum in the first place? I doubt it.

In fact — to go back to Baghdad — what purpose would hostage-taking serve if the "plight of the hostages" could not be brought daily before the eyes of a television-viewing public?

And, almost as cheery a thought, you would be rescued - as you are now about to be from my philosophising. For. now that time has stood still I no longer have time to chat.

I must put on my boots, to bring in the wood, to light the stove, to boil the water, to shave, to get ready for Ellie's party. Good beavens - is that the time? Nine thirty already? And I have to be at the party by one! And it's six mucs away! though the revolution in inform- There is no time to lose.

# Please, no food aid for Russia

Mary Dejevsky in Moscow explains how western charity ome December, minds turn happily to charitable giving props up the system and makes real famine more likely nately, this year's good cause is one that does not exist: the Soviet

famine. Across Western Europe and America, well-intentioned people are making up food parcels and sending them to Moscow or their nearest Soviet embassy. what alternatives there are to

Their motives are the very best. Half a century after the end of the last war, people are horrified by pictures of empty shelves in Soviet shops and the talk of rationing. They want to feed the starving. What they are really feeding, alas, is a sad and bankrupt system that has stooped to begging to survive. This is not to decry individual

acts of charity towards a long deprived and malnourished people. Some infirm and elderly people unable to brave the weather and the queues will benefit. So will families with young children whose income prevents them buying goods outside the state system. Arguably, the successful delivery of parcels to the genuinely needy justifies the risk of many others sent on private initiative finding their way to state officials or the black market.

But the same cannot be said of the unthinking generosity with which large international organisations and governments have responded to the famine reports.

They would have done better to ask whether their help is really needed, the effect it will have, and

simple food aid. In the current climate of benevolence, it is a brave western politician who suggests either that the Soviet Union is not starving in any recognised sense of the word or that its leaders could try harder to husband the country's own abundant resources before asking for more. Soviet farms have just had their best harvest for years; everywhere, cupboards and refrigerators are crammed with food. Anyone living in the Soviet Union will aver that shops are among the least likely places to find

This is one reason why so little appears in the shops and why pensioners and non-working single parents are comparatively so much poorer than people with jobs. In rural areas trade is increas ingly conducted "in kind". This

winter, transactions will be more

widespread than for many years

food, except for the barest essen-

tials. Most people order goods on a

regular basis from lists made

available through their workplace.

because produce has been kept back in anticipation of supply system failures. More and more, those who can are bypassing the state supply and distribution system, legally or illegally.

Some will inevitably fall between the two systems. They are the people for whom the very entary system of rationing has been introduced in some areas. Its chief purpose is not to distribute scarce goods as evenly as possible, but to ensure that the poor are guaranteed necessities at state prices during the promised transition to a market economy. At this point it is legitimate to ask whether bypassing the state supply and distribution system is necessarily a bad thing. If the Soviet Union is serious about rebuilding its economy on market

The fact that shop shelves are so empty and that people are patently sign that the state system is on its last legs. Just a gentle push would probably force it over the brink. Instead, a massive western aid

principles, the state monopoly has

to be dismantled, or be allowed to

effort is threatening to prolong its

life for another year. The initial requests for aid were made, discreetly, by representatives of the very system which is threatened. Some were personal initiatives by the new breed of Soviet politician genuinely con-cerned for the welfare of constituents. Most, however, were appeals by officials and diplomats at the Paris security conference and other international gatherings.

The warnings of hunger were accompanied by other warnings. also Soviet-inspired, of millions of hungry Russians flooding westwards. The Soviet ambassador in Brussels last week threatened shamelessly that if the West failed to give aid, it could face mass Soviet immigration. Washington, which has steadfastly refused to grant Moscow most-favoured-nation status unless it allows free emigration, was last week reported to be considering dropping the condition in view of Soviet food

shortages. A cynical view would be that the "Soviet famine" is little more than a highly successful attempt by the

system. Whether such a trap has been set or not, there is no reason for western donors to fall into it The commendably giving mood that prevails towards the Soviet Union could be far better channeled into almost any area except the provision of food. The Soviet Union needs more and better transport, more and better storage and food processing facilities and decent shops. Any or all of these could be provided with western help, provided they were overseen by the western sponsors.

Some argue that help should be provided mainly to would-be Soviet entrepreneurs, outside the state system. The non-state system, however, is not yet ready to receive more than start-up help, and even that is a risk, What people need above all is the discipline and training to run a new system for themselves and education in the ways of a legal

So long as people resist even modest price rises and insist on their right to buy all and every-thing at prices far below cost, their road to a market economy is blocked. Then, real hunger could be in prospect - not now, but in the spring or next winter, when the Christmas spirit is long past and the West remembers only the

# Come and get your rotten apples, only £50,000 a go

Bernard Levin puts two questions to the Metropolitan Police after

its latest false-imprisonment award

t's rotten-apple time again, I'm afraid; some more pip-pins have surfaced in the Metropolitan Police barrel, though it has proved impossible to identify them. Sometimes it is difficult to resist the conclusion that there are more rotten apples than fresh ones.

"Unfair, unfair," the Met's spokesman will cry, with reason. Of course it's unfair; I am being over-dramatic only to emphasise the nature of the incident I am about to discuss. I know that the celebrated claim Acab (or, less acronymically, all coppers are bastards) is false. There are signs that the revulsion felt by honest policemen for the dishonest ones is having an effect. Unfortunately. whenever a rotten apple is caught rotting, a great deal of the good that has been done disappears down a hole of public scepticism.

"Boxer accepts £50,000 over e imprisonment. said a Times headline. A former world champion boxer, Maurice Hope, MBE, was arrested when in his car by two policemen of the Met; he was charged with smoking and eating cannabis, and for good measure assault and obstruction. Eventually the case came to court. It did not, however, stay there long the Met offered no evidence, and Mr Hope had the consolation of the judge's time-honoured words in his ears: he left the court without any stain on his character". I suppose the Met might say that if he had had a stain on his character it would have been invisible, because - it is a familiar

story, alas - Mr Hope is black. I must make it clear that there is no evidence that the policemen who fitted up Mr Hope were the two who arrested him; he was presumably taken to the station, and the arresting officers may have done no more than convey him. But I suppose it is unlikely that whichever officer or officers did do the dirty will proudly claim responsibility. May we hope that some of those who didn't will finger their rotten apple?

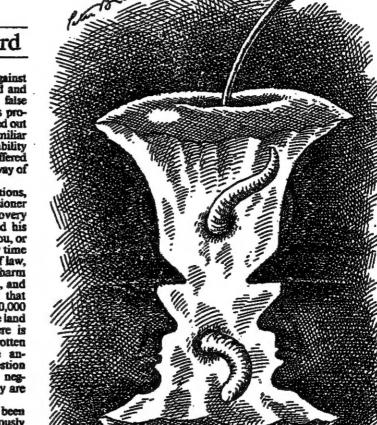
Mr Hope brought suit against the Met, claiming aggravated and exemplary damages for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution. And the Met wheeled out its most foolish and most familiar technique. While denying liability for Mr Hope's charges, it offere him £50,000 in damages by way of settlement and all his costs.

I must now ask two questions, directed at the Commissioner (whom I wish a speedy recovery from his present illness) and his senior colleagues. First: do you, or do you not, realise that every time you agree, through process of law, to give a man £50,000 for the harm your officers have done him, and at the same time maintain that they did him no harm, 50,000 more people up and down the land become convinced that there is nothing in the barrel but rotten policemen? Second (to be answered only if the first question has been answered in the neg ative): then in that case, why are you giving him £50,000?
After all, I have never been

falsely imprisoned or maliciously prosecuted by policemen. I am, therefore, a perfect case for such largesse. Nor is my claim any more preposterous than the Met's cross-eyed argument; I am the last man to encourage obiter dicta from the Bench, but next time the Met produces this push-me-pullyou, I hope the judge will drop on it from a great height.

Never mind the courts for a

moment: more important is what appens on the beat. For instance, the Met has been obliged to set up an enquiry into the case of a Mr Hanney, who was prosecuted for violence at the Trafalgar Square poll tax disturbance; when the police evidence was put forward, it was laughed out of the court; the jury stopped the case then and there. And now we read of the police cover-up in the Gail Kinchin shooting, and the sacking of seven rotten policemen for savagely beating up an innocent man. (So far so good. But it took the Met three years to bring them



to disciplinary justice. Too far so roughing up black men — several bad.) No wonder that the *Times* of which cases I have described in report of the Maurice Hope case recorded the fact that more than £230,000 in damages had been awarded in the High Court against the Met in 1989, a sum more than double the year before; and the doubled sum excluded out-of-

court settlements. When is this going to stop? Once there was a significant degree of real corruption in the Met; who, having heard his name, could ever forget Chief Superintendent Wally Virgo? But he and his mates were after money; it would not have occurred to them to waste their time planting drugs on youths and

the past. To the credit of a series of commissioners, that reign of robbery was brought to an end. It was replaced in due course by a more sinister phenomenon; the kind of manufactured evidence that brought the abrupt disbandment of the West Midland Serious Crime Squad. And now there is a third plague, typified by what happened (or, as the Met would say as it forked out £50,000 just for

fun, did not happen) to Mr Hope. I am now obliged, as I am whenever I discuss one of these cases, to record the background from which I start; I am not one of upbringing hostile to the police. I must add that I believe that those in charge of the Met are resolute to purge their dishonest members. But it is sometimes made hard for me; for decades, when reading of a trial at which the accused claimed that the police had knocked him about or put the drugs in his pocket, I murmured A likely story". I have to say that now, when I come across yet another such case, I instinctively believe

🐧 he Met can ignore me. But if the Met thinks it can ignore all those like me who find their beliefs about the police have moved across the spectrum from instinctive belief to instinctive disbelief then the Met, one day soon, is

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going to get the shock of its life. I know the answer: a policeman under suspicion is entitled to a fair hearing. Of course he is; L of all people, would not question such a principle. But the seesaw is not even. The law distinguishes between a decision "on the balance of probabilities" (the test for civil cases) and a verdict "beyond a reasonable doubt" (the rule for dures in police disciplinary tribunals cannot in themselves issue in criminal convictions, the balance-of-probabilities rule used to be enough. But the Home Office was persuaded to weaken the principle for the Met, so that an accused policeman would have to be proved guilty beyond reasonable doubt, even though the "case" could lead only to disci-

plinary action.
In practice, that has made it virtually impossible to dismiss policemen who behave in the way they have done in the scandals I have described (whichever policemen were responsible in each case) because it is always their word against that of their victims, and there will always be room for a reasonable doubt.

There were hints recently that the Met intended to ask the Home Office to tip the seesaw back the other way, so that a policeman can be "convicted" on the balance of probabilities. The new Home Secretary could hardly start better than by encouraging the Met to ask for the reversal, and, if there is no asking, doing it himself.

#### An iceberg tip for Rifkind

facing Malcolm Rifkind. the new transport secretary. is whether to publish the report of a new enquiry into the sinking of the Titanic 78 years ago that could finally exonerate Captain Stanley Lord, master of the Californian, who was censured for not steaming to the rescue.

Captain Thomas Barnett, fermer principal nautical surveyor at tise Department of Transport, has been sifting through a mountain of old and new evidence. It has been claimed that Lord was made a scapegoat for other failures, such as the inadequate number of lifeboats aboard the Titanic.

Lord's apparently blatant dis-regard of distress signals from the Titanic may be seen in a new light following the discovery of the wreckage five years ago by the American oceanographer Roger Ballard - 16 miles from where the Titanic was originally thought to have gone down, and possibly that much further from the Califor-

man's position. Rifkind should publish the report, if only to deflate Labour's transport spokesman, John Prescost. Here is one disaster for which present-day Tories cannot possibly be blamed.

#### Golden oldie

n the basis that late is better than never, the Royal Mint is to make amends to the Dake of Wellington for failing to honour him after the Battle of Waterloo. At a ceremony in

late - the eighth duke will receive the commemorative gold medal promised after the battle. Why has it taken so long? The

original medal was commissioned from the Italian engraver Benedetto Pistrucci by the first duke's elder brother, William Wellesley-Pole, Master of the Royal Mint. "Pistrucci tried to chisel more money out of the Mint and it took him 30 years to complete the dies," says a spokesman for the Mint. "It was envisaged that the medals be given to each of the sovereigns in alliance with the Prince Repent and to their ministers and generals. But by 1849, when the dies were ready, the four ailied monarchs had died."

It was also feared that the steel used in the die was too weak to strike a medal. Thus the Iron Duke went to his grave without the memento, even though all his soldiers had been given a medal. "We shall apologise to the present duke for the delay," says the Mint.

#### Mind the bores

ondon Underground has turned to broadcaster Michael Meech, who gives travel information updates on local radio, for advice on placating angry commuters. With the network subject to increasing break-down and delay, Meech has told drivers and platform announcers they should be polite, friendly and informative and, above all, should inject a note of humour into their apologies.

Nothing frustrates passengers more than to be told that delays are due to "circumstances beyond cur control", says Meech. Putting the advice into practice, the driver



ten minutes outside Tower Bridge station the other day announced: "I apologise for this £1 million piece of equipment being stuck on the line. But it will eventually be going to Wimbledon. Honest. Fine, provided passengers are not infuriated by hearing the same ioke time after time.

 As the newly elevated Sir Denis Thatcher left a charity lunch at the Savoy Hotel he cheerfully acknowledged a shout of congratulation on his hereditary baronetcy. "Forget that, I've just been proposed for Sunningdule Golf Club," he said.

#### Hostage to fortune

s hostages released from the A Gull come home, the Imperial War Museum has complained about the failure to get their man out there. Dr Alan Borg, the museum's director general, says he is exasperated with the Ministry of Defence over its failure to allow painter John Keane to travel to the Gulf as the Museum's official artist.

Dr Borg wrote to the defence secretary, Tom King, on the subject. His letter went unan-swered. He has personally lobbied

senior MoD staff, to no avail. It is now nearly four months since the museum's artistic records committee appointed Keane to record the activities of the British forces in the Middle East.

"We have pursued every channel and have had a total nonresponse from the ministry," he says. "It is very frustrating for the artist, who is understandably fed up. It is a great shame that he is not out there producing work that will be valuable to historians in the future. It is an opportunity

Part of the dispute concerns Keane's official description. As there is no war, there is no immediate need for a war artist, says the MoD. But Dr Borg says: "He is not meant to be going simply as a war artist, but as an official recorder. It seems to be easier to get out of Baghdad than it is for Mr Keane to get into the Gulf." Meanwhile Keane, who has been using his time to complete a previous commission, continues to kick his beels in London. "I don't know what is happening. I can't make plans for Christmas. It would be nice if I had some personal contact with

> There's a gulf between war artists and the MOD.

someone in the MoD."

#### Farewell party?

ne of the highlights of the Dulwich social calendar at this time of year is the Thatcher Christmas drinks party For the last two years gold-embossed, hand-written invitations have dropped on to neighbours' doormats in the walled enclave on the South Circular Road where the Thatchers live. But now that the house is up for sale, neighbours accept that this is probably the last time they

will be on the guest list.

Local Tory MP Gerald Bowden. who is naturally invited, will be particularly sad to see the Thatchers go. "People seem to think they have never spent any time in their Dulwich house," he says. "They have, and they enjoy very warm relations with their neighbours They are very much part of the

local community."

Bowden also has another reason to regret their departure. With a majority of only 180 he can hardly afford to lose their votes.

#### Baker's buzzing

ost ministers who take over new portfolios in a cabinet reshuffle prefer in-depth briefings from the officials they inherit before asking them to come up with new ideas. Kenneth Baker, the new Home Secretary, is an exception, as his advisers have discovered.

His first words on entering his new office, even before exchanging the usual pleasantries with his staff, were: "Gentlemen, are there no initiatives we can take" 50 much for the myths created by Yes Minister: the officials were left

dumbstruck.

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#### PARIS-BERLIN EXPRESS

In 1946 Winston Churchill said that "the first step in the recreation of the European family must be a partnership between France and Germany". Since the European Coal and Steel Community was created in 1951, that relationship has been central. Forty-two years later, in 1988, Chancellor Helmut Kohl gave perhaps unconscious expression to the arrogance inherent in the then firmly established Franco-German axis. France and Germany, he said, were "the nucleus of a European union". They were engaged in a task in which "we cordially invite our friends to participate" but would not

- by implication, whatever their friends' reservations - "be dissuaded from pushing this union forward". Then, to the consternation of the Quai d'Orsay, came German reunification.

Seen from Paris, the challenge was a traditional one; the European balance of power. United Germany would develop a political as well as an economic muscularity which could destroy the postwar Franco-German equilibrium, threaten France's traditional pre-eminence in the European Community and even lay "Europe" itself open to political and geographical redefinition. The responsibilities of the Quai's European department extend from Greenland to Vladivostok, and General de Gaulle was wont to allude to a Europe stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals; but that does not imply French enthusiasm for a revived Mitteleuropa,

France has had to rethink almost from scratch a postwar strategy based on harnessing German wealth to French political influence, transforming it into a policy for taming German power. Paris has put its foot firmly on the accelerator of EC political and monetary union because President Mitterrand now sees "the recreation of the European family" in terms of preventing its unexpectedly over-grown child from either ruling the roost or

wandering off on its own. Differences of view have not been allowed to intervene with this strategy. However unenthusiastic the French may be about Herr Kohl's federalist view of Europe, that is secondary to the goal of "locking Germany in". For France, that means first and foremost a European central bank. French support for EMU is directly related to fears that once a single market takes shape in 1992, Germany

might lose interest in monetary co-operation and the Bundesbank would simply dictate EC monetary policy. Even on political union, France is more prepared to cede sovereignty to Brussels because Germany would do so too.

The first fruits of France's new policy were seen last April, on the eve of the Dublin European summit. Mrs Thatcher excoriated the pre-emptive Franco-German letter, which sought to "accelerate the political construction of a 12-member Europe", for its vagueness. But the letter served its political purpose: the summit agreed in principle to convene the inter-governmental conference on political union which opens in Rome this weekend.

On monetary union, French pressure was responsible for Herr Kohl's decision to override the objections of his finance minister and the president of the Bundesbank and agree in October to a target date for EMU of January 1994. Last week they repeated April's joint act, after a strategy-setting dinner in Paris, during which they paid not a shred of attention to the collapsing international trade negotiations up the road in Brussels. The result is another joint letter which openly seeks to pre-empt the Rome summit by defining more closely than before what they want from political union.

The importance of the letter is not that it reflects total agreement. France's policy throughout has been not to worry about detail so long as Herr Kohl keeps describing the Franco-German relationship as "the motor of European integration". But the letter goes a long way in that direction. It commits France and Germany to work towards a common defence policy, to majority voting in the Council of Ministers on all but a few subjects, and to a common foreign policy.

Britain, which has reservations about all of this, has made a poor fist of making its own case. Douglas Hurd will set out Britain's thinking on political union only today, in a speech in Berlin which now risks looking like a

belated postscript. If Britain is not constantly to be on the defensive against Franco-German diktats, the government should take a leaf from the French book. John Major's priority must be to define Britain's aims as hard-headedly as does France, and to pursue the alliances necessary to promote them no less single-mindedly.

#### OPENING DOWNING STREET

The message has changed along with the old order. But will the method of conveying that message beyond the portals of Downing Street also change? Already John Major has displayed a willingness to offer his personal observations on matters of the moment at every opportunity, supplementing parliamentary question time and set speeches with ad hoc statements and interviews from Downing Street. Some of those associated with unattributable lobby briefings" from the Downing Street press office have begun to float a further step: the replacement of the lobby briefing by a new onthe-record daily press conference.

That change is needed is not in doubt. Bernard Ingham's singular style of press briefing - so graphically described in Robert Harris's new book - reflected Mrs Thatcher's style. The shock from Mr Harris's revelations concerns not so much the means as the end, the near-systematic undermining of out-of-favour cabinet ministers. The lobby was the sewerage not the sewage. Mr Major, less abrasive, must find a style that reflects his greater straightforwardness. What is required is a reform that will remove the unnecessary codings and obscurities of the Ingham lobby system, while allowing the government to give greater insights into its thinking than it would ever permit on the record.

Much mythology and nonsense surrounds the status of the Downing Street lobby and its participants. Three years ago, at a time of upheaval in the serious press, some news-papers decided to "leave" the lobby by not attending the briefings and by citing sources for their Whitehall and Westminster stories. In the

event they did no such thing. These papers' journalists obtained their offthe-record material some other way, including tapping into journalists still attending the briefings. They remained parasitic on the system they professed to have left. Even Mr Harris is not above using the unattributable quote in support of his attack on the use of unattributable quotes. None the less the refusenik journalists had some justice on their

side. If what amounts to official intelligence from the heart of government is indeed from the heart of government, readers should be told. the special status of that material.

Already what the lobby used to call "Whitehall sources" have become "Downing Street sources". To go a step further and report what "Bernard Ingham (or Gus O'Donnell) says" would be even more truthful.

The rejoinder of many in the lobby is that on-the-record briefings will produ encounters better suited to the broadcast media desperate for pictures. However, the key question is not what is said at the briefings but what is said outside them. There will always be some intelligence, deep background, unattributable remarks and so-called "spin" that will never be revealed at such gatherings, though it may emerge from more private conversations on the margins of them. Every government culture finds a way of communicating with the public and of grading the sourcing of such communication. If the lobby system ceased, such briefing would be pushed back to telephone chats or corridor discussion. with a possibly chaotic confusion of signals.

Such a system already operates in Washington. A ritualised daily press conference sees tame journalists lobbing easy catches to press secretaries or presidents. Behind this is a swamp of hints, steers and indiscretions with a whole hierarchy of attributions. Expose the lobby, and, here too, background briefing will

emerge some other way. The formal lobby is now so public an event that the language used in passing on its information is worth updating. If a Downing Street spokesman says something, or hints at something, or even predicts something at a gathering of its members, then newspapers with his consent - should say so. But there is still a need for "off the record" information, and public awareness of politics is increased by its availability. It must be preserved if a welcome move to more open government does not leave the public more in the dark than ever.

#### **BLOW THE WIND SOUTHERLY**

Drivers stuck in snow drifts in the Pennine hills may be forgiven for thinking a bit of global warming would be no bad thing - indeed, that some immediate M6 warming would do on account. But what this country really needs is colder weather in winter, warmer in summer. both more predictable.

British weather is perfidious, which may explain a much-cited streak in the national character. This reason for this unreliability is illustrated night by night by the television weather maps. Britain is a northern country but one that usually gets off scot free. The Canadians and Siberians suffer the weather they deserve for being above 50 degrees of latitude. Pampered Britain, which by the global map should do no better, has its climate manufactured in more balmy climes and specially flown in. The wind is supposed to waft gently from the southwest, warming up nicely over the Gulf Stream on the way.

But this being Britain, deliveries are never guaranteed. From time to time the wind loses its way and blasts down from the North Pole, plunging an unprepared country into chaos and unloosing a mass indulgence in that other national characteristic, the grumble. Those not in actual peril of their lives secretly enjoy the experience, there being few enough chances now to exercise the Dunkirk spirit.

British winter weather plays cat and mouse with its victims, subjecting them to the worst of all worlds. No sooner has a north wind

frozen all the points and whited out the motorways than a southerly one raises false hopes of early spring. The season is characterised less by heavy snow than by rain, slush and ice, particularly when they combine in a horrible mixture called sleet. A few degrees off the average winter temperature would get rid of all that nonsense, and toughen the sleetlike British character to boot.

A colder clime would be easier to manage. So would a hotter one. Take British Rail. It has no sooner recovered from "leaves on the line" when "points failure due to ice" takes over. An all-weather rail service would be a unique public benefit. Given how long BR has had to practise, however, the best chance of that would be a change in the climate.

The trouble is that "global warming" would not lead straight to global warming, making every British summer day a third of a degree hotter than 100 years ago. That we could cope with. It would lead first to unexpected change.

The forces which make masses of water head north-east from the Mexican coast across the Atlantic are as mysterious as those which send common eels swimming much the same route. A tiny upward shift of the global mean temperature and both could decide to go elsehere. The complex patterns of the atmosphere which regularly make the British surprised by their own weather have an unstable equilibrium. Global warming could upset that equilibrium with a flourish

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

and Gatt failure From Lord Kennet From Mr Nicholas Ridley.

MP for Cirencester and sbury (Conservative), and Lord Joseph, CH Sir, We are writing in support of the general thesis of your first leader ("Gatt on the moks") on

The failure of the Uruguay Round of the Gatt last week poses very serious questions about the future course of EC policy. It was the Community which caused the breakdown, by its refusal to offer adequate reductions in agri-cultural subsidies. It has thus denied itself, and the whole world too, more open trade in services, a new and better disputes procedure, and the universal safeguard-ing of copyright and investment. This is an open invitation to regional protectionism. It is the worst possible news for develop-ing countries. It shuts the door ainst the exports of the emerging against the exports of the emerging East European nations, who have every right to expect help, not a stap in the face from the Commu-

Thus has the Community awakened our worst fears and taken a major step in the direction of

Fortress Europe. Portress European partners plead ignorance of the risks they were taking by their obduracy. All through this year British ministers pressed the Community to make sufficient offers of reform to allow the round to succeed. Margaret Thatcher raised the matter at the Housan summit. She warned her colleagues of the danger loud and clear at the recent Rome summit. in Rome, they refused even to discuss the matter, preferring to discuss monetary umon. She was isolated, but she was right.

It is the eleven who are isolated now. The endless repetition by European leaders that Britain will be better able to influence the Community by playing a con-structive role in its councils has now a hollow ring. She did so and they didn't listen,

Yours et NICHOLAS RIDLEY. KEITH JOSEPH, Palace of Westminster, SWL.

From Mr G. W. Hunt Sir, It is said that the least of human emotions is gratitude. So it seems in relation to the Gatt

negotiations.

The bountiful generosities of Australia and New Zealand to the post-war rehabilitations and the historically huge magnanimity and generosity of the United States in creating a Marshal plan to rehabilitate western Europe are forgotten and count for nothing as Europe shrinks into its untried. umproven isolationist fortress of

What other view can these countries have in their dealings with the faceless European Community than that this is. Europe's way of saying "thank

Yours mithfully, G. W. HUNT. 89 Puriri Street, Riccarton, Christchurch 4, New Zeeland.

#### **Notwithstanding** From Mr M. J. Bismire

Sir. Your leading article (November 30) on the use of clear language in private contracts quotes a phrase mentioning "a general lien". Lien requires an explanation, but has the precise legal meaning defined over many centuries by the courts. There are many such words in normal usage such as "divorce" and "mort-

As to the rest of the language used, the disgrace is not that it should be employed by commer-cial bodies and lawyers, but that the person of "average intellect", to use your phrase, should find it impossible to understand. If the average man cannot understand the document you quote what chance does he have with Dickens, or Hardy, let alone Shakespeare -or are such delights to be reserved for the citte?

Yours truly, M. J. BISSMIRE, Bissmire, Fudge & Co. (Solicitors), 19 Market Street, Haverfordwest, Dylod.

ember 3. From Mr Andrew Lockley

Sir, Most lawyers deprecate overcomplex agreements; they can be as over-difficult for us as for lay people. That is why we have just published a book on plain English in legal writing. We have also redraited standard conveyancing documents in plain English and believe them to be used now in the projection of home plain and the projection of the majority of house sales and pur-

More of these legal initiatives are on the way. Yours faithfully, ANDREW LOCKLEY (Director, Legal Practice), The Law Society, 50 Chancery Lane, WC2. December 3.

#### Cheltenham selection From Councillar Mahananad B. A. Rieni

Sir, I have been saddened by the media coverage given to remarks made by a private individual, Mr William Galbraith, in respect of Mr John Taylor, the Tory prospecive parliamentary candidate for Cheitenbatti (report, December 3: letters, December 6 and 8).

The impression given is that the party is full of metalists. Nothing could be further from the truth

#### Europe's stance Analysis of the effects of Thatcher administrations

Sir, There has been much talk during recent events of the need for a return to cabinet govern-ment indeed, it was Mrs Thatch-er's ways in and alongside her cabinets that led to her undoing. But there is an equal need to return to parliamentary govern-ment. Most of the press and public

has been unaware of the extent to which the Thatcher government has engaged, in the words of the 1689 Bill of Rights, in "subverting and extinpating the laws and liberties of this kingdom It is because our laws and liberties depend on the government of the day abiding by the conventions of an unwritten

constitution that the former prime minister was able to do this: she was never more than semi-attached to constitutional nicety. What has been happening? The executive has been taking into its own hands powers hitherto exercised by the legislature or the judiciary by an increasing use of so-called "Henry VIII clauses" in bills. These allow ministers to done at all

alter legislation at their un-Yours etc. hampered discretion, without returning to parliament. WAYLAND KENNET, House of Lords

The loyalty and duty of par-liamentarians, civil servants, and others, to "the Crown" has been redirected towards the enecutive— From Sir John Hoskynsin the case of civil servants on pain of imprisonment — in guillot-ined debates. The prime minister's office controls the post-retirement jobs of civil servants and officers. of the armed forces. Ex-ministers are rewarded with huge salaries in the industries they have recently been overseeing. Mrs Thatcher with what had gone before. even took the appointment of the chief of defence staff into her own

Local democracy has been gutted, along with local authorities. Previously self-governing pro-fessions have been "reformed" without consent consultation, or effective public debate. Royal Commissions are no longer appointed publicly to establish the facts of a situation: privately funded "think tanks" have produced the answers the executive wished for. The collection of national statistics has been altered to serve the executive's rather than the public interest.

Various unacceptable anoma. Thatcher administration took Sudfairy, Suffolk.

lies have been tolerated. Recently over, British business had off. December 2.

supervising, government supporttake money from lobbyists, even a senable direction; and that it to become lobbyists. They have to might take the whole of their first iteclare their interests, but some semblance of financial stability.

public non-commercial bodies to promote extraneous "market valnes"; one who has been convicted in the courts and imprisoned has not resigned. "Employers" are increasingly to control public education and "validate" academic

qualifications.

All these things have been done
to change Britain in the way Mrs Thatcher wanted, and all can be done again by another autocratic prime minister to change Britain in another way. Parliamentary government requires they be not

Will Mr Major ture his mind to

December 4.

Sir, Mrs Thatcher's critics are still. trying to persuade us that the last ten years have been an aberration which has led us full circle to where we started in 1979. Their defeatist arguments have two main weaknesses. They lack a proper sense of time; and they do not make an honest comparison

We are talking about the reversal of a relative economic decline which started in the late 19th century and accelerated after 1945, when the Attlee government, with the country virtually bankrupt and an overvalued pound locked into an international fixed exchange-rate regime, moved the economy in the opposite direction from the freemarket policies which Adenauer and Erhard were about to in-troduce in West Germany. Suc-cessive post-war administrations failed utterly to make any impact on the resulting economic decay. By 1979, when the first

two chairmen of select committees ectively given up the struggle and — Sir John Wheeler and Mr. we were close to a state of Michael Mates - received for a communic civil war. Unlike her time remuneration from the in- predecessors, she and her closest dustries their committees were colleagues realised that it could supervising government supportable ten years simply to hall the ers in the Commons are allowed to decline and point the economy in

do not.

Entrepreneurs have been in By 1987, though it is perfectly seried into the management of true that we were measuring seried into the management of true that we were how base growth against the very low base of the second Open recession of 1980-1, few people in business had any doubt that, for the first time in their working lives, profound-changes for the better were taking place in the British economy.

in the last two years, however, things have begun to go wrong. Cur present problems flow from the ERM-flavoured decision by Nigel Lawson — in other respects a very successful reforming Chancellor — to shadow the West German mark at 3DM to the pound, lower than the market rate, regardless of the domestic mone-tary consequences. Ironically, it was Mrs Thatcher who foresaw immediately the inflationary consequences of such a policy, and fellout publicly with her Chancellor, while her critics congratulated Lawson on his pragmatic

abandonment of simplistic That herite dogma. We don't know yet whether the timee Thatcher administrations did enough, fast enough and well enough to lay the foundations for a real economic minister the whother the resurrence of the freasury's obsession with ex-change-rate policy will have put paid to its chances. What is absolutely certain is we are not merely back where we were ten

years ago.
There is much talk today of Britain becoming "marginalised" within the EC. What we often seem to forget is that in 1979 we were beyond the margin; to our European parthers, we were al-most out of aight. What would have happened without her?

JOHN HOSKYNS (Head of prime minister's policy unit, 1979-82); Windrush, Great Waldingfield.

#### Choice between war and sanctions in Gulf conflict

From the Bishop of Manchester Sir, You call (leading article, December 5) for "straight thinking on the world's determination to drive Iraq out of Kuwait". You then criticise reliance on sanctions as the means for doing this.

With respect, your leader shows few signs of straight thinking about either the effectiveness of sanctions or the potential con-Sanctions have often been inbeen applied vigorously and consistently over a long period. However, there is one recent example of a situation where

sanctions, even though only partially applied, had a remarkable effect. There is little doubt that these were the driving force behind the South African decision to leave Namibia, and indeed other changes which we are seeing in southern Africa,

There is no ideal solution to the Iraqi aggression against Kuwait. But unleashing an all-out assault on that country and its occupying forces would seem to an increasi number of people in Britain to carry the greatest dangers and to be morally unjustifiable. According to estimates many thousands of civilians would die in the operations and there would be a flood of refugees. The damage: to oil installations could be noten-

tially disastrous to economies dependent on oil, not least in poor. third-world countries. The responsibility of opinionsequences of a war in the Gulf surely to stand against this dan-fought with modern weapons. gerous drift to war, and to stiffen Sanctions have often been in the resolve of all to stick to the effective because they have not maintenance of sanctions, however long this takes, so that Iraq does not profit from this brutal. aggression.

> Yours faithfully, STANLEY MANCHESTER: Bishopscourt, Bory New Road, Manchester 7. December 6.

Sir, It has, I think, long been fashionable and respectable to regard appearement as something disgraceful in our history, and the late Mr Neville Chamberlain as the architect and symbol of such disgrace. This view was originally argued with brilliance and sincerity by Duff Cooper and Churchill.

From Lord Avimer

and so well was it argued that modern critics seem to assume it as self-evidently true. In 1938, however, we were not all quite so

The difficulties of the present lisq question, which not un-reasonably appear to baffle modern statesmen, might, I feel lead to a greater sympathy for and which led Chamberlain to visit Hitler three times and ultimately to go to Munich Yours faithfully,

AYLMER, 42 Brampton Grove, NW4.

From Mr. John E. Smith Sir, Why is there so much impatience amongst-our leaders and their advisers about the progress of sanctions against Iraq? Sanctions have been in operation for about four months, which is a very short time indeed to turn round a country's economy - as we in this country know full well. And why so much reticence about their effectiveness?

Yours faithfully, JOHN E SMITH 15a Most Road,

East Grinstead, West Sussex.

#### ern British silversmiths which, Silver at No 10 whilst remaining in the ownership of the trust, will be offered on loan

evs are available.

Yours faithfully,

to ber Majesty's government at 10

Downing Street, British overseas

embassies, other governmental and national institutions, and for

public display.

An anonymous benefactor has

recently given the trustees enough money to commission ten silver-

smiths to make the primary pieces

for a national collection. It is the

intention of the trustees to add to

this collection as and when mon-

CHRISTOPHER ENGLISH

(Secretary to the trustees),
The Silver Trust

30 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.

From Mr Christopher English Sir, Mr Broadway's letter (December 6) refers to the loss to 10 Downing Street of the use of the Belton silver. He suggests that government might commission modern silver from one of our talented silversmiths.

The Silver Trust was set up in 1988 to establish a national collection and to promote an increased knowledge, appreciation and un-derstanding of contemporary British silversmiths and craftsmen with a sharpened focus on the skills which they have in such abundance.

The trust will sponsor and commission major works by mod-

Dressing the part ---

From Mr Robert Giese Sir, I continue to read each day in the media the growing clamour of the so-called image-makers and experts on which programme of personal reconstruction should be followed by the prime minister.

Even the finest quality suit accessorised to painstaking har-mony offers the wearer no benefit if it does not reflect his personal style. Clothing is all a matter of self-expression, of encouraging confidence by and in the weater. I believe Mr Major, as indeed every other gentleman centre-

The remarks made by this individual should not have been given this coverage.

I am a Tory regional councillor, selected in 1985 from amongst 12. contenders for the safe Tory seat of New Town/Stockbridge, I was the only non-white applicant and was chosen to defend a majority of 1,060 - a very safe Tory sear in terms of local elections. Of 11,000 voters, only 35 were of ethnic origin. In this year's elections I was re-elected and almost doubled my majority.

stage of today's competitive world, should continue to enjoy the confidence he has clearly displayed to date and which has carned him his present high office, drawn from the image of his own making demonstrated in his own personal style. After all, Winston Churchill felt at perhaps his happiest and most creative in what many would today describe as a somewhat large romper suit. Yours faithfully, ROBERT GIEVE (Vice-chairman) Gieves & Hawkes 1 Savile Row, W1.

by people like Mr Galbraith. The Tory party is the party of the north: and south, rich and poor and black and white. I was chosen on my merits and my services to the party and nothing else. If more ethnic candidates were to come forward there is no doubt that the Tory party would choose them for

December 6.

Yours succeedly, origin. In this year's elections I MOHAMMAD B. A RIZVI.

Letters to the editor should carry a was re-elected and almost doubted Lothian Regional Council.

Regional Chambers.

Please ignore the remarks made. Pathagent Source Printing.

#### All-male cabinet

From Ms Jennifer Fowler Sir, Stephen Schick (December 3) negests that if a politician shows petulant and self-important behaviour" it is not a good advertisement for having politicians of that sex-in-the cabinet.

Why are there men in the Yours faithfully, JENNIFER POWLER. 21 Deodar Road, SW15.

December 3. From Mr B. Lessware Sir. Not a woman in the cabinet and not a woman amongst the 71 executive directors of the 12

electricity companies.

At the same time only five women non-executive directors among a total of 51 Yours faithfully, ... B. LESSWARE,

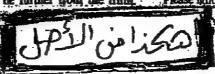
-38 Ford Street, Moretonhampstead, Devon. December 3.

From Mr D. M. L. Alexander Sir, Your art market correspondent describes a sale con-ducted by "Sotheby's first female impressionist auctioneer" (later editions, Desember 5). This appointment must be the most innovative in the long history of the firm and presumably was made to satisfy the feminist lobby

in the absence of a suitably qualified lady.

Will this example be followed elsewhere? Criticism of the allmale cabinet might he silenced if one of its members were to appear before the Commons in drag

Yours saithfully.
D. M. L. ALEXANDER.
12 Painteen East, Cockfosters,
Banes, Hernordsbire. December 5





#### COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

December 8: The Queen was (Chaplain to Her Majesty in Scotland) at the Funeral of the Very Rev George Reid (Extra Chaplain to The Queen in-Scotland) which was held in Colinton Parish Church, Edinburgh, this morning.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

December 9: Princess Alexrepresented by the Very andra was present this evening Rev Gilleasbuig Macmillan at the Annual Carol Festival of Crisis (the Charity for single, homeless people) of which Her Royal Highness is Patron, at Southwark Cathedral, London, SE1.

#### **Birthdays** today

Mr John Birt, deputy director-general, BBC, 46; Viscount Boyne, 59; Mr Kenneth Branagh, actor and director, 30; Miss Rumer Godden, writer, 83; Mr Cecil Hallett, trades unionist, 91; Lord Harris of High Cross, 66; Mr Nicholas Henderson, racehorse trainer, 40; Sir Clifford Jarrett, civil servant, 81; Mr Michael Jopling, MP, 60; Miss J.M. Kenworthy, principal, St Mary's College, Durham, 57; Mr Jahangir Khan, squash player, 27; Mr Nicolas

Raphael Makiouf, sculptor, 53; Mr Michael Manley, Jamaican politician, 66; Mr Olivier Messiaen, composer and organist, 82; Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman, Lloyds Bank, 62; Miss Mary Norton, children's writer, 87; Sir John Peel, former Surgeon-Gynaecologist to The Queen, 86; Mr T.S. Roberts, former chairman of Milford

#### Memorial service Mr W.F.R. Hardle

Haven Conservancy Board, 79;

Mr C.W. Turner, rector, Giasgow Academy, 57; Mr M.T. Wright, former director, National Heritage Memorial Fund,

A memorial service for Mr W.F.R. Hardie was held on Saturday at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Chaplain of Corpus Christi

Mr C.C.W. Taylor read the lesson and Professor R.G.M. Nisbet read a passage from Aristotle's Nichomachean Ethics. Mr J.O. Urmson gave an address. Sir Raif Dahrendorf, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, and Sir Keith Thomas, President of Corpus Christi College, were among

#### Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

**Anniversaries** BIRTHS: Giovanni Guarini, poet, Ferrara, Italy, 1538; Thomas Holcroft, dramatist, London, 1745; César Franck, composer, Liège, 1822; Emily Dickinson, poet, Amherst, Massachusetts, 1830; Harold Alexander, 1st Earl Alexander of Amberst Tunis, field marshal, governor-general of Canada 1946-52, London 1891.

DEATHS: Alfred Noble, indu DEATHS: Aired Noole, indus-trialist and founder of the prizes bearing his name, San Remo, 1896; Sir Joseph Hooker, director of the Royal Botanic Gardens 1865-85, Suningdale Berkshire, 1911; Charles Rennie Mackintosh, architect, London 928; Luigi Pirandello, dram tist and novelist, Nobel laureate 1934, Rome, 1936; Damon Runyon, short story writer, 1946; Henry Cowell, composer, Shady, New York, 1965.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the George Cross Island Memorial Seige Bell Trust Appeal, will attend a presentation on Operation Pedestal and a dinner at the Imperial War Museum at 6.30.

The Duke of York will perform the topping out of the new building on the site of the Cripplegate Institute in the City of London at 9.30. The Princess Royal will attend the Abbeyfield Bristol Society extra care appeal Christmas concert at St Mary's, Redcliffe,

Bristol, at 7.25. Princess Margaret will attend a carol concert in the Guards Chapel at 6.45 in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

Prince Michael of Kent and Princess Michael of Kent, as Patron of Sparks, will attend the 30th anniversary ball at the London Hilton on Park Lane at

between Dominique, son of Mr Alan F.S. Li, of Hong Kong, and Mrs Colette Guidetti, of Deauville, France, and Tracy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian C. Menzies, of

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and

Tedburn St Mary, Devon, and Lavinia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Micklem,

of Harpford Mill, Langford

The marriage took place on Saturday, at St Mary's Catholic

Church, Falmouth, Cornwall, or Church, Falmouth, Cornwall, of Dr Michael Paul Delancy, BSc, MB, BS, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Delancy, of Orpington, Kent, to Miss Fiona

Marie Thomson, RGN, RSCN, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Blair Thomson, of Perranwell

Station, near Truro, Cornwall, Canon A.B. Davis officiated.

The bride, was attended by Alison Tuckwood, Heather Campbell, Sarah Delaney, Amy Thomson, Siobhan Willmore,

Rebecca Bishop and Master Jack Delaney, Mr John Delaney, brother of the groom, was best

A reception was held at The

Falmouth Hotel, and the honey-

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 8, at St

Cuthbert's Church, Durham, of Mr Nicholas Malins-Smith, son

of the late Major and Mrs S.G.

moon will be spent in Madeura

Mr N.A. Malins-Smith and Miss M.A. McKibbin

Budville, Somerset.

**Marriages** 

Dr M.P. Delancy

and Mim F.M. The

Johannesburg.

Mr M. Woodbo

and Miss L.P. Micklem

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr A.G.J. Badaunch-Nicolaon Mr D.K.K. Li and Miss C.V. Pilton Mr D.K.K. Li and Miss T.A.

Mr and Mrs David Pilton, of Belgravia, London, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Claire, to their daughter, Claire, to George, son of the late Mr A. Badenach-Nicolson and of the late Mrs Isobel (Muir) Grierson, of Kirkpatrick Durham, Dumfries and

#### Mr H.J. Bartlett-Ellis and Miss C.E. Providelli

The engagement is announ Henry James, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Ellis, of Chesterton, Warwickshire, and Charlotte, daughter of the late Jeremy Rundall and of Mrs Mary Dawes, of Woodcote, Oxfordshire.

#### Mr A.J.Q. Church and Miss C.E. Beams

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs J.Q. Church, of San Pedro, Spain, and Carol, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.C. Beaton, of

#### Mr J.A. Ford and Miss J.E. Riley

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Ford, of Norley, Cheshire and Joanne daughter of Mr and Mrs John Riley, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

#### Mr H.H. Gregorie

The engagement is announced between Hamish Harwood, second son of Mr and Mrs second son of Mr and Mrs T.H.M. Gregorie, of Billingford, Norfolk, and Belinda Jane Stanford, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.C.S. Ivens, of Buckland, Surrey.

#### dins-Smith, and Miss Aislann McKibbin, eldest daughter of the late Dr Kevin McKibbin, and of Mrs Mary McKibbin.

Nature notes THE VERY small insecteating birds are most vulnerable in wintry weather. Wrens and long-tailed tits quickly lose their body heat, while frost and snow on the branches and tree trunks makes food hard to get at. Nor is it easy for humans to help

Both species have become very common, after the recent warm winters - in central London last summer, in leafy spots, as many as five wrens could be heard singing in answer to each other. But a harsh winter would certainly bring their numbers down.

them.

Blackbirds and songthrushes, which feed mainly on the ground, are also thwarted by snow or hard earth. But for the time being they have gone up into the hedges, where bernes are

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are best placed to find food: small flocks of greenfinches are now feeding in hornbeams, tearing off the dangling seeds with their stout beaks.

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J. Finn - TO HO 18 Go. S. G.
Mesperstail - To MOD CVE: D. G.
Wert - To HO RAFSC. S. A. Jones TO MOD AFT!: M.J. ELBOY - TO HO
STC. J. C. McLoughlin - TO MOD AFT.
G. S. Preason - To RAF PMC: I. R.
Cooper - To HO RAFSC. S. W. AustinValley - To S. G. Brackett P. D.
Wilson - To RAF Trustcham: P. G.
Wilson - To RAF Trustcham: P. G. On wayfaring trees, there are clusters of thin black seeds on the downy twigs. Larch trees are bare apart from their cones, some orange, some grey: they often have thick green ivy round the trunk. A few bent stalks of varrow still have flowerheads like white plennful after a good harvest and brown fretwork. DJM

#### **OBITUARIES**

Joan Bennett, American leading lady in Hollywood films of the 1930s and 1940s, died in White Plains, New York, on December 7 aged 80. She was born in New Jersey on February 27,

ONE of the most popular and glamorous stars of her era, Joan Bennett appeared in more than 70 films, reaching her peak in the "black" thrillers of the German émigré director, Fritz Lang. Though her stunning good looks were her most tangible asset she had a wider range as an actress than might have been anticipated on first appearance, and her roles ranged from wise-cracking waitress opposite Spencer Tracy in Me and My Gal (1932) to the cuckoking femme fatale in Jean Renoir's Woman on the Beach (1947). Nevertheless the glamour was the key to her success and her style did not easily translate to the more complex characterisation which would have been necessary to sustain her career through her forties. She took it without rancour. She had little taste for the style of cinema in the 1950s and 1960s. Only half a dozen of her 70-odd films, she once said, were really worthwhile. In the 1960s she found a niche in a television series, Dark Shadows, a gothic fantasy which became something akin to cult viewing in the United States. But it was all something of a come-down for a woman who at her peak was one of the symbols of Hollywood's power to enchant the public's senses with the mysterious allure of beauty and the wealth that went with it.

Joan Bennett came from a famous acting family which also included her father, 'Richard, and sisters, Constance and Barbara. She was educated at boarding school in Connecticut and at finishing school at Versailles from which she ran away to get married at the age of 16. The marriage, to John Fox, was dissolved two years later. Encouraged by her father she made her first appearance on the New York stage in 1928 and began her film career a year later in Bulldog Drum-

Martin Ritt, American film

director, died on December 8

in Santa Monica, California,

aged 70. He was born in New

COMING to the cinema after

extensive stage and television experience both as actor and

director, Ritt made his mark

with intense and highly

charged drames which usually

carried a liberal message - he was blacklisted in Hollywood

in the McCarthy era. He was

adept at drawing strong

performances from actors,

las, Patricia Neal and Sally

Field, won Oscars under his

A certain heaviness of treatment and lack of personal style tended to exclude Ritt

from the highest ranks of

American directors, but his

films were skilfully made and

he always saw the cinema as a

collaborative process. He

worked frequently with the

same team, notably the actors

Paul Newman and Joanne

Woodward, the cameraman

James Wong Howe, and the

His finest film was probably

screenwriter Irving Ravetch.

**Appointments** 

in the Forces

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Royal Navy

direction.

York on March 2, 1920.

### JOAN BENNETT



**MARTIN RITT** 

as an actor and then as a

director. In the latter role he

worked on more than a hun-

dred productions, including a

live drama series Danger. Two

of his fellow directors on

Danger, John Frankenheimer

and Sidney Lumet, also went

In 1951 he was blacklisted

because of his former Com-

munist party membership and

went back to the theatre. He

on to careers in the cinema.

mond, partnering Ronald Colman. During the 1930s she was the heroine of a string of mostly lightweight comedies and romances, including Me and My Gal, with Spencer Tracy; Mississippi and Two for Tonight with Bing Crosby; and Wedding Present with Cary Grant. Her supporting role in the 1933 version of Little Women led to a contract with the independent producer, Walter Wanger. In the wake of the dissolution, in 1936, of her second marriage, to a writer, Gene Markey, she and Wanger married in 1940.

Around this time she took on a new and sharper screen image, changing from a fluffy blonde to a sultry

Sym-

Hud, a modern Western

which involved Newman,

Ravetch and Howe, and

gained Ritt his only Oscar

pathies, carried over from a

pre-war involvement with the

American Communist party,

informed such pictures as The

Great White Hope and Norma

Rae, which tackled racialism

and trade unionism, while The

Front echoed his experience of

Rint studied law at St John's

University, New York, and

was a communist until disillu-

of 1939. His political outlook

led him into the radical Group

Theatre where he studied acting with Elia Kazan and

worked with Lee Strasberg

and the playwright Clifford

Odets. He made his New York

debut in Odets's play Golden

States air force during the

second world war and acted in

George Cukor's patriotic film

about fighter pilots. Winged

Victory. After the war he

returned to the Broadway

stage and in the early 1950s

turned to television, initially included

He served in the United

the Hollywood blacklist.

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nomination. Liberal

brunette, and finding a director, Fritz Lang, able to draw out her talent to the full. Their first picture together was Man Hunt (loosely based on Geoffrey Household's Rogue Male) in which she strikingly, if a little incongruously, played a London streetwalker who befriends the fugitive Walter Pidgeon. Lang and Bennett went on to make The Woman in the Window (1944), one of the most celebrated of the 1940s films poirs. She was the vamp who lures an innocent professor (Edward G. Robinson) into a nightmare of deceit and murder.

The following year, Lang, Wanger and Bennett amounced the formation

waterfront.

camerawork.

Woodward and Rod Steiger. In 1956 he directed his first

film, Edge Of The City (re-

leased in Britain as A Man Is

Ten Feet Tall) which starred

Sidney Poitier and John

Cassavetes and explored racial

tensions on the New York

There followed two excur-

sions into William Faulkner

country, The Long Hot Sum-

mer and The Sound And The

Fury, which helped to enhance

Ritt's reputation for high oc-

study of jazz musicians, with music by Duke Ellington. Hud

(1963) used a harsh Texas

bleak treatment of human

relationships, and brought Os-

cars for Neal and the veteran

Douglas, as well as for Howe's

During the 1960s Ritt at-

tempted a variety of subjects:

The Outrage, a remake of the

Japanese film Rashomor, The

Spy Who Came in From The

Cold, from John Le Carre's

of an independent company, Diana Productions, with Bennett as treasurer and vice-president. The company made only two films but one of them gave Joan Bennett probably the best part of her screen career. Scarlet Street was directed by Lang from the novel and play, La Chienne (previously filmed under that title by Jean Renoir) and again started Edward G. Robinson as a Bennett victim, a parttime painter exploited and humiliated by her in favour of the man she really cares for.

There was more humiliation, this time for Robert Preston, in The Macomber Affair, directed by Zoltan Korda, and for Charles Bickford in the last of Jean Renoir's Hollywood films, The Woman on the Beach. Her fourth Lang film, Secret Beyond the Door, in which she marries a man (Michael Redgrave) obsessed with murder, was less successful than the others but another European exile, Max Ophuls, gave her a fine part in The Reckless Moment, as a California housewife blackmailed by James

Though she was successfully cast as Elizabeth Taylor's mother in the Vincente Minelli comedy, Father of the Bride (1951), Joan Bennett found the transition from glamorous leading lady to middle-aged character actress difficult to sustain and by the late 1950s her film career was virtually over. She may have suffered from an incident in 1951 when Walter Wanger, in a fit of jealousy, shot and wounded her agent, Jennings Lang. Less in demand for films, she turned increasingly to the theatre, appearing in several Broadway and touring shows, and to television. In 1963 she was briefly seen on the London stage in a comedy, *Never Too* Late. A volume of memoirs, The Bennett Playbill (written with Lois Kibbee), appeared in 1970.

Her marriage to Walter Wanger was dissolved in 1965 and she married, in 1978, a retired publisher, David Wilde. There were four daughters of her marriages.

tion. His later work was

generally less distinguished.

although he continued to pro-

duce solidly crafted dramas

distinguished by their social

The Molly Maguires, with

Richard Harris and Sean

Connery, was a sombre tale of

coalminers, and The Great

White Hope explored the ra-

cial aspects of the career of the

black boxer Jack Johnson,

who was superbly played by

was another film about the

sharecroppers during the de-

and Cicily Tyson in the lead-

ing parts. The attempt to treat

the Communist witch-hunt

presence of Woody Allen and

Zero Mostel Ritt was more at

home with Norma Rae, for

which Sally Field won an

Oscar for a sturdy perfor-

mance as a union organiser in

the American south. Nuts

(1987) was a flamboyant ve-

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tane drama, and Paris Blues, a James Earl Jones. Sounder

landscape as the setting for a pression, with Paul Winfield

striking monochrome partly succeeded despite the

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### **TREVOR** KEMPSON

Trevor Edward Kempson. chief investigative reporter of the News of the World, died on December 4 aged 58 after suffering from bone cancer. He was born on April 1, 1932.

IN 1973 Trevor Kempson's story on the callgirl Norma Levy and her clients led to the resignation of two government ministers, Lord Lambton and Lord Jellicoe. Kempson's was a career of investigations into the seamier side of life, which ranged from witches' covens to sports scandals. His technique often involved going under cover, sometimes for as long as six months, taking on the persona required by the investigation in question. He frequently posed as a well-to-do businessman able to do deals. When his enquiries were complete he would reveal his identity, but by then Kempson had the evidence for exposure and it was too late for denial.

He met and knew senior detectives and West End mobsters on equal terms and gained their respect because he was both fair and accurate. Big-time criminals felt threatened by his reporting and he and his family received many threats over the years. Although his work led to the conviction of many criminals, few bore him any lasting grudges and he remained on good terms with most of them.



Some of those he had exposed rang up, even though he carefully kept his number exdirectory, to see how he was in the last days of his illness. Although he was sometimes sued he proudly recalled that he had never lost a case. He could be trusted never to divulge his sources, although on occasion he was put under legal pressure.

Kempson, who was educated at Merchant Taylors', Northwood, started on *The* Devon and Somerset News. Tiverton, then moved in 1957 to a freelance agency in Reading where he became a partner. In 1962 he joined The People at the invitation of its took a salary cut just to get to Fleet Street, but working under Sam taught me a lot," he said. In 1966 he joined the News of the World.

He was once sent on a story to investigate the faith healing profession but came back with a belief in it, despite the doubts of others, and before his final painful illness wrote an article for the News of the World on the subject. Kempson was divorced and

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leaves three sous, Ashley, Dale and Russell, from his marriage to Marina. Russell is a sports journalist on The Times.

#### novel and starring Richard also taught at the Actors' Burton; and Hombre, a West-Studio, where his students ern which impressively fused Newman, character, landscape and ac- for manslaughter.

# A conformist conscience

Clyde Binfield

THE PHRASE "Nonconformist conscience" is a hundred years old this month and The Times was its unlikely Today we see the Non-conformist

Conscience as certainly worthy, sometimes narrow, often tiresome, overconcerned with drink, possibly with sex. To adapt a famous judgement, we see it as right but repulsive. We use the phrase to suggest something moral, and therefore awkward and out of step with society; and yet to most of us, it really implies established values, such as sobriety, thrift, honesty, self-help, responsibility, respectability. The Nonconformist conscience is socially very conformist indeed.

Such a picture of moral awkwardness and social conformity set in a Victorian mould will nonetheless serve very well, for the phrase was given currency in the course of a peculiarly Victorian public scandal involving Charles Stewart Parnell, who championed the cause of home rule for Ireland. He was embroiled in a divorce suit which involved lying and deceit, as well as adultery. Yet, not long before, Parnell had been at the peak of his influence as an example of steadfastness to a moral cause, that of nationhood for an oppressed people. He had held out against forces of violence, murder and injustice. He was a hero for English Nonconformists.

Part, at least, of the English Nonconformist reaction to his mistress's divorce case is explained by the intensity of their recent admiration. It may be argued that this reaction toppled Parnell. split his followers, harmed the electoral chances of the Liberal Party and thus delayed Irish home rule for years. Perhaps this really was a rare example of Nonconformists having a direct impact upon Westminster politics. If so, their impact was entirely destructive.

It was from the correspondence columns of The Times that there emerged, twisted into an establishment sneer of genius, a phrase which was far too good to miss: the Nonconformist conscience. The Parnell affair burst upon Times readers on November 17, 1890 with the report of the previous Saturday's divorce hearing before Mr Justice Butt. Thereafter, Parnell and Ireland, Parnell and Parliament, Parnell and Liberalism, even Parnell and the United States, filled the paper, save the correspondence columns.

Then came "A Wesleyan Minister". His letter was published on November 28 in protest at suggestions that Parnell might retire temporarily from public life. to return purged by brief oblivion. "Wesleyan Minister" (who may or may not have been Hugh Price Hughes, of the West London Mission) scotched any such notion:

"It seems to be assumed that a compromise will satisfy the national conscience... I take the liberty of pointing out that the minimum demand of the great Nonconformist party is the un-conditional abdication of Mr Parnell, and his immediate retirement from Parliamentary life... nothing less will satisfy the Nonconformist conscience now.

In the same issue, the leading article referred slightly to "the vociferous demands of what a correspondent today calls the "Nonconformist conscience"." As yet, nobody supported "Wesleyan Minister". But the surest sign that his mot had already entered general usage was when a Times second leader applied it lumberingly to royal tangles in Serbia:
"King Milan, like another uncrowned

king [Parnell was the "uncrowned king of Ireland"] is peculiarly lax in his morality upon the point which chiefly exercises what has been compendiously described as the 'non-conformist conscience'.' Five days later, and back on the Irish front, the Times first leader used it again.

much more crisply this time: " the 'Nonconformist conscience' be unmoved?" That question was part of a rather

stagey campaign to woo Nonconformists horrified at a hero's adultery. It was not very successful. The Times's use of the now celebrated phrase was too specting and too all-embracing. It was not only 

Nonconformists who believed that adultery was wrong or who were horrified at the deception and flawed judgement which were now revealed. The Times wanted to push a key section of instinctive Liberals into the Unionist camp. Instead, it merely labelled those whose selective conscience kept them to home rule. Nobody was pleased.

Nonetheless, The Times engineered a correspondence headed first "The 'Nonconformist Conscience," then "The 'Nonconformist Conscience'. It began on December 23, 1890, with a letter from 'Non-conformist" ("an humble member of that body") ad it ended up on January 27, 1891. Hugh Price Hughes helped it along wonderfully with two eloquently written and sloppily argued pieces, in the first of which he had the nerve to wonder whether it was not "time to remember Edmund Burke's great maxim that compromise is the soul of politics?"

The explicitly Nonconformist response was less satisfactory. Those letter which played The Times's game tended to be signed "A Congregational Minister" or "Another Congregational Minister". Their arguments were little more respectable than Hughes's. The signed letters, by Newman Hall and Henry Allon, Congregational pulpit princes who opposed home rule, steadfastly refused to toe any line. The letters petered out late in January.

In mid-month, The Times, with a nice historical sense, noted the death of "Mr William Baines, a Nonconformist". It was Baines's refusal to pay church rate in Leicester and his subsequent imprisonment back in November 1840 which had unleashed Political Dissent upon most levels of English politics. Baines died just as Political Dissent's successor as a catchphrase had served its purpose for The Times. As for the reality behind that catch-phrase, The Tunes quite misunderstood it.

The writer is reader in history at Sheffield University.

#### University news

London Goldsmiths' College Appointments

Senior lecturers: Dr J S Bailey (Music), Dr S M Balfour (European Languages). Lecturers: C L Ayrey (Music).

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#### British-American: Ball

Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret was the guest of honour at the 38th British; American Ball held on Wednesday, December 5, at Grosvenor,

At this British-American-Canadian gathering, the many guests included His Excellency the Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs Donald S. Macdonald, Mr and Mrs R. Woods, Major-General and Mrs M.A. Anderson, Licutenant-General and Mrs H.Y. La R. Beverley, Vice-Admiral R.P. Ilg.
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David Adams, Chairman of
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The Earl Alexander of Tunis. President of British-American Associates, and Mrs Joan M.C. Baillie, chairman of the ball,

#### John Denis Purcell

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MORTOM- On Decamber 6th 1990 peacefully at home in Carlyle Square. Cheises. Children John Norton KCMC. late of HM Diplomatic service, aged 99. Funeral at Service aged 199. Funeral at Tuesday December 18th. FALLSTROM - On December 3rd. at The Portland Hospital Srd. at The Portland Hospital to Leonle mee Rau) and Erik. a son. Maximilian.

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REID - On December 7th peacefully at home in Oving. Buckinghamshire, Lady Reid Or. Marjone Reid), dear wife of Sir John Reid and mother of Joanna. Lucy, Nirola, Moras and Joanna. Lucy, Nirola, Moras and Joanna. Lucy Lawrence Church. Winsiaw on Friday 14th December at 12 noon. Followed by private inferment at Oving. No flowers please. Out donations by the personal request of DRAPER - On December 6th, Maureen, beloved wife of Tommle and mother of Sandra, 30 years member of the Grand Order of Lady by the personal request of Dr. Mariorie to The Heaptice of Cur Lady and St. John. Milton Rand. Willen Village. Milton Raymer MK10 SAE. ine Grand Order of Lady Railings, Funeral service at 2pm, Thursday December 13th, at Moritake Crematorium, Flowers to Fredk.W. Paine, 468 High Road, W4 5TT, Tet: 081 994 0056. STEPHENSON - On December 6th, peacefully in Houston, Touss. M.E.D. Stevet, Ceologist and petrolerum Engineer. Loved and mourned by his wife, iris, son Adrien, brother Jos, sister Jen and their families and his reany friends. EASTMAN - On December 6th.

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The film director Raymond Bernard turned Les Misérables into a twopart production. Valjean was played by Harry Bour and the music was composed by Arthur Honegger cmong whose other plin scores was one for Abel Gance's Napoleon. The Man Who Knew Too Much was early Hischeock but it did not lack atmosphere and who could play an anarchist better than Peter Lorre?

#### NEW FILMS IN LONDON

Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables" is obviously too gigantic a work to be compressed successfully into one film, however long Pathé-Natan have therefore divided the story into two distinct parts, each complete in itself, and the first part is now to be seen at the Academy Cinema. Part one shows the progress of Valjean from convict to a respectable and prominent mayor. The Man Who Knew Too Much, at the New Gallery. marks the return of Mr. Alfred Hitchcock as a director of film meiodrame.

ACADEMY Les Misérables. - The merits of this film are mainly regative; Victor Hugo's rhetorical mysticism has not become absurdly sentimental, nor have his characters lost all their individuality is melodramatic piety. But to avoid these pitfalls it was obviously necessary to use as much tact and patience as would have given very positive merits to a less exacting

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And the director, M. Raymond
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on scenes of cruelty or distress. But the chief burden inevitably falls on the actors, and particularly on M. Harry Baur as Valjean. His chief concern was to construct a character in the round, and this he does with so much success that there is never any question of doubting its plausibility. M. Honegger's musical accompaniment is unexpectedly unobtrusive, but it well repays attention, and at intervals is discreetly antiscotic.

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The Man Who Knew Too Much. -Mr. Alfred Hitchcock has a rare gift for the macabre. With the aid of a few shadows, a dozen stairs or so, and a sinister-looking figure, he manages to keep his audience in a suspended state of expectation. There is everything; there is nothing.

The story has obvious weaknesses; the clues cry out for notice; the villains are patently villainous; the virtuous are tiresomely virtuous; the melodrama is crude, so crude that all interest in the protegonists, as characters, is with one exception killed almost at the outset and the action for long stretches at a time has

no surprises. And yet so sure is Mr. Hitchcock's touch in creating an electric atmosphere of expectancy that the audience, against its rational judg-ment, is enthralled. As in the best of melodrams, reason has no part. Betty, the Lawrences' only child, is kidnapped because her parents inadvertently know too much of a plot to assassinate a foreign politician on his visit to England. The child's safety depends on the parents' ailence. The headquarters of the gang is in Wapping, and it is Mr. Hitchcock's success in suggesting every kind of sinister possibility in the dentist's waiting-room, added to the real drama implicit in the presence of a defenceless child among

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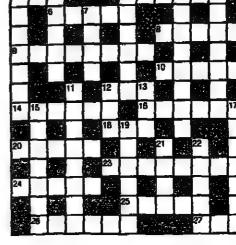
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Jack Straw, Labour's frontbench education spokesman, headteacher has asked for who has seen his personal stock rise among Labour MPs, made the running in arguing that poor teachers should be sacked. The old cosy days of the special relationship between Labour and the National Union of Teachers (NUT) are never to return.

In a sense, Mr Straw is pushing at an open door because few teachers would now argue that incompetent staff should be protected and kept within the system.

A spokeswoman for the NUT says: "We would expect every help to be given to a teacher who was finding it difficult to cope, with retrain-ing and counselling, but if everything failed, he or she would have to move on."

Government ministers, realising that a talented, committed workforce is the only sure way to raise standards, have turned their attention on the local authorities, claiming they are reluctant to use existing powers to dismiss teachers who are inadequate.

Tim Eggar, the junior education minister, told a teacher appraisal conference recently: Disciplinary procedures leading to dismissal or other Pro sanctions already exist. It is for employers to use them. We are not convinced that those concerned are using these procedures as rigorously or as often as they should be."

Stephen Byers, the chairman of the education committee of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities (AMA), accepts that there should be no room in the teacher and believes that compulsory appraisal, now being reconsidered by the government, will make it eas-

ier for local authorities to act. The assessment is designed to assist teachers in improving their performance and acknowledging their strengths and weaknesses, but it is also one way of identifying the inadequate classroom teacher. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Headteachers (NAHT), tends, however, to be disparaging. "You can't tell me that any head worth the salt need

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r Hart says: "Getting rid of somebody on the grounds of incompetence is extremely complicated and time-consuming." Sir Claus Moser, the outgoing president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, also believes it is a mistake to concentrate on dealing with poor teachers. "We should be concentrating on hiring the very best teachers," he says.

Sir Claus, who earlier this year criticised declining standards, says that teachers' pay should be increased "enormously", especially for those involved with science and mathematics, if high quality teachers are to be recrited and The education department

believes that standards of existing teachers must be improved, while the recruiting of the very best must increase.

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With mounting debt in the universities, and growing pains in the

polytechnics, Alan Howarth has his hands full, John O'Leary writes

ess than two years into his ministerial career, Alan Howarth finds himself the ongest-serving member of Kenneth Clarke's team at the education department, already in his second job and with a delicate political balancing act to perform.

As the higher education minister, he must ensure the continuation of an expansion programme that has seen student numbers rise by 30 per cent in a decade.

At the same time, he must see that this does not allow standards to fall, or colleges to collapse into bankruptcy. Three universities have had to freeze staff appointments recently, and 44 were running deficits

last year. His task is complicated by the fact that detailed powers lie in the hands of the two higher education funding councils, while financial support is in the gift of the Treasury. Mr Howarth can only guide and cajole.

In the four months since moved from a schools brief, Mr Howarth has adopted quietly set about mending fences with the academic community. The new approach has been welcomed by those still bruised from encounters with his combative predecessor,

The honeymoon period may soon be over, however, if solutions are not found for the difficulties looming on several fronts.

In the universities, problems of mounting debt have been com-pounded by the failure of a bidding system that was to have increased competition and revolutionised

In the polytechnics, there is growing concern that the strains inherent in faster and more sustained growth are starting to show. And on the campuses, pressure to act on student unions is growing, while the loans scheme on which such high hopes have been pinned is yet to take off. Mr Howarth insists that the

government has increased the higher education budget above the rate of inflation, and that institutions must live within their means. He takes the long-established ministerial line that universities

and polytechnics must continue to become more efficient and find other sources of money, if government funding will not meet all their

costs.
"A 10 per cent increase should be

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enough to finance reasonable ex-pansion," he says. "I look forward to more real increases, which I have every confidence we will be able to secure. But how universities and polytechnics choose to use the very substantial resources available to

them is a matter for them." In the search for new sources of income, Mr Howarth has steered clear of the controversy over the proposals for private tuition fees, but he has not out what he sees as the responsibilities of business and

He says: "If we are going to proceed with a properly balanced economy where tax rates are low, there is a choice for us to make as a society. We can improve public services and make them more widely available if we do it all on the back of the taxpayer, or we can do it rather faster with assistance from industrialists

"I recognise that it is difficult in a time of recession, but they are spending more on other areas of social responsibility, and tax rates are appreciably lower than they once were. In any case, I think companies may find it increasingly attractive and sensible to

'I think companies may find it increasingly attractive to sponsor students as competition for young people becomes intense'

sponsor students and strengthen departments as competition for young people becomes more in-

Since most captains of industry remain to be convinced, Mr Howarth falls back on the need for universities, in particular, to use resources more efficiently. He insists that this is not a euphemism for a policy of crude cuts. "There can be no useful definition of efficiency that does not take quality fully into account," he says.

"I am not saying we shall remove the pressure to sustain efficiency, but it is important to observe accurately at what point an institution or department has achieved its

maximum possible output. It is no part of my mission to jeopardise the hard-won achievements of our culture, and the universities represent a system of quite outstanding

He wants quality, however, to be measured in terms of fitness for purpose. An enlarged higher education system should, he believes, reflect the variety of calls on its expertise. While some universities would continue to scale the academic peaks, others would perform an equally valuable service in enabling those with relatively low entry qualifications to reach degree

He accepts the difficulty of maintaining teaching quality with-out some research capacity, but points to the varied traditions of may decide to alter the mix to find a niche in the market.

Mr Howarth's vision of a more diverse higher education system would also involve a more prominent role for the polytechnics. Decisions are still to be taken on the future of the "binary line" that ensures separate funding for universities and polytechnics, but next year will see the distinction start to disappear with the granting of degree-awarding powers to some polytechnics. The right to a university title and new arrangements for quality control will be considered at the same time.

For the moment, however, poly-technics and colleges will have to be content with the plaudits of min-isters and the limited financial rewards that they can wring out of the Treasury. Mr Howarth is keen to underline the significance of igger increases for polytechnics than universities in last month's

"It was the largest signal we could give," he says. "We were acknowledging the remarkable achievements of the sector in increasing output and bringing into use mareinal capacity.

Continuing the apparently limitless expansion of access to higher education without damaging quality is Mr Howarth's top priority in office. "I see balancing the two as my most challenging task," he says.
"Much has been achieved. The expansion of opportunity which is likely to see one in four 18-year-olds going on to higher education is a social change of the first order."



Alan Howarth: "I look forward to more real increases in funding"

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# Truth is top of the timetable

Prague's first private school since the thaw in communism has set new standards in education, reports

Anna Franklin

forty years of state eduacation came to an end in Prague this term when parents unhappy with state schools, like many middle-class families everywhere, rushed their children into sitting the examination to gain entry to a selective school. For them this was the first chance, and 700 children competed for the 100 places.

The founder of the Real Gymnasium. Dr Oudrej Sueffl, hopes the school, designed for the brightest 10 to 18-year-olds who will be expected to enter Czechoslovakia's best universities, will serve as an example for other private schools, and lead to the reform of the comprehensive system favoured by the old communist state.
"We didn't advertise because

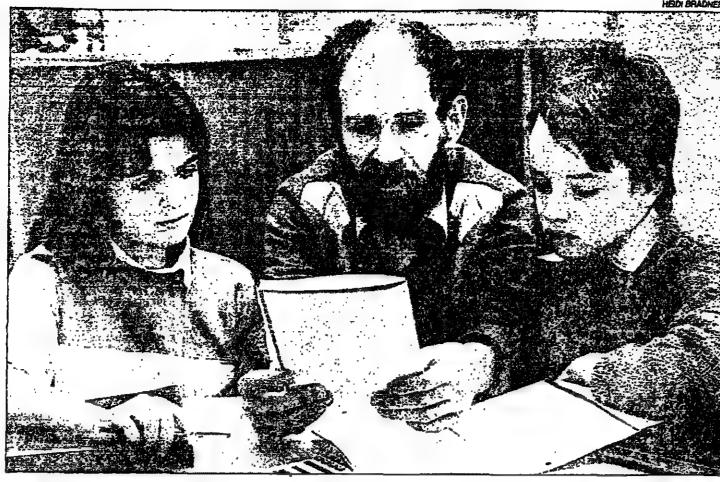
parents' dissatisfaction with the state system is so widespread that I zm sure we would have received 2.000 or 3,000 applications," Dr

Candidates were selected purely on the basis of ability. Entrance exams included IQ tests, essays and interviews. Pupils were accepted on the assumption that they would all be among the 12 per cent of school leavers who go on to university in Czechoslovakia.

At 6,000 koruna a year (about £100) the fees are low by British standards, but are equivalent to two months of the average Czech salary. The school is run by a nonprofit foundation and receives a state subsidy, but fees account for 60 per cent of its income.

Teachers are equally dissatisfied with the state system, with 30 applicants for each of the six fulltime teaching jobs at the gymna-sium. Dr Steffl, who studied mathematics but has no formal teacher training, says that the level of training was very low under the communists: "I was looking for young people with fresh ideas rather than experience. Most of our teachers are under

Some had been university lecturers. Some were working as night watchmen — the preferred work of many anti-communist academics who refused to participate in the state system and wanted to keep their days free for study and other activities. Dr



A new beginning: Dr Ondrej Steffl, with pupils, has appealed for books printed before the war. "At least they are not full of lies," he says

Steffl, who is 36 and has no children himself, was offered a place at the ministry of education helping to reform the state schools, which had been devasted by the 40 years of communist rule. Instead he decided to take advantage of the new laws allowing private and sectarian schools to be established. Since his school was set up, eight others have been

Dr Steffl says: "I have always been interested in education. My goal is to improve education in Czechoslovakia. I decided I could accomplish more if I could create one good school than struggling with an impossible bureaucracy.

"I see our school as a laboratory for education. We have already had many enquiries from teachers at state schools wanting to know about our teaching methods. We can also serve as a means of support for state teachers who have original ideas but are not being allowed to implement them. They can point to it and say look, they are doing it, it can work. Morale is very, very low among state teachers.

State school teachers have classes of up to 40 pupils where everybody studies the same 'Teachers must create their own materials, often while themselves re-learning history that was suppressed or was misrepresented when they were at school'

curriculum until 15, when they are streamed into academic, technical and manual labour groups. There is a final exam at the end of the pupil's education which everyone is expected to pass.

Dr Steffi's gymnasium is based on the old Austro-Hungarian gymnasium system which existed in Czechoslovakia between the two world wars, a period be calls the "golden age" of Czech edu-cation. It is closer to German than English schools in its approach.

There are 20 pupils in each class and the emphasis is on teachers and pupils working together to develop lesson plans. Pupils are encouraged to take responsibility for their direction of study and discipline is relaxed. The curriculum offers a general education in mathematics, sciences, history, languages, geography and roots of European culture, which includes

religious history. English is studied every year, and by the fifth year many of the textbooks in other subjects are in English. Shortage of textbooks is one of

the biggest problems, and Dr Steffl describes the photocopier as the most important piece of equipment in the school. Most textbooks produced under the communists are either poor quality or obsolete. Teachers must create their own materials, often while themselves re-learning history that was suppressed or misrepre-

sented when they were at school.

A newspaper for teachers carries a weekly supplement, with articles such as "Who was Tomas Masaryk?" that can be photocopied and used in the classroom. The government is busy preparing revised textbooks, but it will be at least two years before they begin to appear in schools.

Dr Steffl has appealed to parents and grandparents to donate text-books printed before the second world war. "At least they are not full of lies," he says. "Some of them were classics." Sadly the new school has been hard hit by the economic crisis that is engulfing most of eastern Europe, and its survival after its first year is already in question. It is appealing for donations and sponsorship, and has so far received £2,500 from one businessman, a large part of its operating costs.

Jan Kratochvil, aged 13, the gifted son of the head of a stateowned chemical company, is enjoying his first term at the new school. His father, Vaclay, felt his son was not being challenged at the village school, where he was in a class of pupils of mixed abilities studying the state curriculum.

Jan is pleased with the closer

relationship with his teachers and the organisation of the school. 'We don't have rules just for the sake of having rules," he says. "There is reason for what we are esked to do. I have to work much harder than before and it is more competitive. But before I was bored. Now I look forward to going to school."

#### NOTICEBOARD

#### Raw deal in the services

ENGLISH standards of nearly 5,000 services schoolchildren in Germany are too low, according to a school inspectors' report. Too many children, the inspectors say, have been taught by unqualified teachers.

Pupils in the seven secondary schools of the Service Children's Education Authority were nearly all confident and fluent in conversation, and keen to listen and work together, and there was much good and some excellent classroom practice. Writing, however, was mainly undistinguished and there was a lack of rigour in the teaching and assessment of pupils, "Lack of systematic assessment," the inspectors say, "is a major weakness...there is generally a paucity of written comment on pupils' writing."
About a third of the English

teachers are not specialists and in some schools the figure rises to a half. "The teaching of English by staff without discernible English qualifications can be significant and is often associated with the poorest lessons. Considerable pupil under-achievment is not helped by some under-expectation," the report says.

By the age of 16, many children will have been in at least five schools, and there is considerable movement of staff and pupils into and out of schools so that "inconsistencies in practice are a notable feature". The report concludes that too little is done to ensure a more consistent approach.

The defence ministry says the report is disappointing. The ministry adds that it respects and accepts the views of the school inspectors, which made valuable recommendations in their report, many of which are already being implemented.

#### Degree for Kohl

HELMUT KOHL is to be given an honorary degree by Edinburgh university next year, when he will deliver a lecture on the new Europe.

Students of success FOURTEEN Cambridge students left yesterday for an 11day study tour of Japanese industry. The university's industrial society has raised £25,000 to pay for the trip from Japanese and British companjes.

Simon Nicholson, one of the organisers, said: "We feel it is

important for British university students - the future captains of industry - to increase their knowledge and understanding of Japanese industry, especially given the increasing commercial and industrial links between Japan and the UK. The main aim is to discover why Japanese industry has been so successful in recent years."

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The school opened in 1989 with 47 boys aged 11 to 13, six full-time staff and four parttimers. There are now 122 boys aged 11 to 14, 12 full-time staff and three part-timers. The school expects to have 200 pupils by next September and there is pressure to open a sixth form at the same time, a year cartier than planned.

Malcolm Tozer, the head, is advertising for six new staff, including the joint post. Stephen Cleobury, music director at King's College, Cambridge, held a similar post when the grammar school was run by the local authority, and will be on the appointment panel for the

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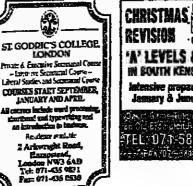
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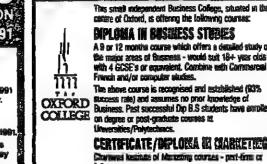
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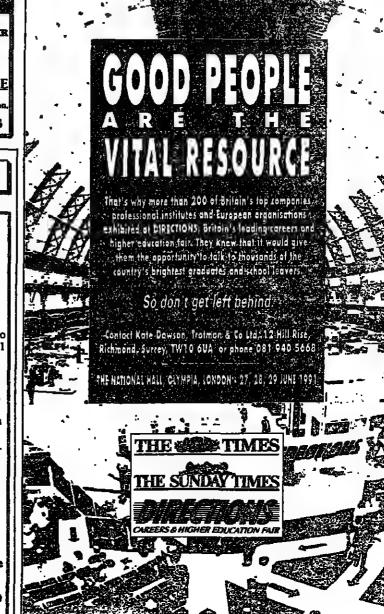
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# egends in their own lunchtime

f we must be choosy, finicky even, history offers but a single truly great moment as Lar as food is concerned, great, that is, in the way of epochal, earth-shaking, and changing the world as we know it. It came circa 500,000 BC, when Meanderthal man, tired of belabouring Neanderthal woman with the shankbone of his erstwhile next-door neighbour, tossed the self-same morsel on to the fire. Here it became, if not quite selle d'agneau laitu à la grecque as purveyed by Wodehouse's peerless Anatole, at least the first roast meat, not to mention the firs, hot dinner.

But why be picky? Taking the historically om nivorous view, as BBC2 does nex.; Saturday in Arena Food Night, in the realms of gastronomy great moments abound. There is the discovery of leavened bread by the Egyptians, circa 3,000 BC, and the swift return to the unleavened variety by the Jews shortly afterwards. There is Juseph's mess of pottage. There is the Last Supper. And for post-modernists there is the piece day in 1954 when Ray Kroc, a middle aged milkshake salesman plying his trade the length of America's west coast, happened upon a hamburger stand in the town of San Bernadino, the sole property (though not for long) of the prothers Maurice and Richard

Mr. Donald Nor is it all cakes and ale, let elone burgers. There is a definite criminal angle. All those Borgia suppers to which many were called, but from which rather fewer were up to making their way home. A short back and sides at Never mind history's great characters, what about its casseroles? Jonathon Green chews over BBC2's forthcoming dish of the day

Sweeney Todd's. Tea with Henry Armstrong, a retired major of Hay on Wye who in 1921, after poisoning his wife, moved on to the local solicitor. Passing him a scone liberally sprinkled with arsenic, the major murmured: "Excuse fingers." The solicitor survived. Armstrong hanged.

On it goes, in fiction as resoundingly as in fact, one great big, glorious mélange. Proust's memorial madeleine, Mole and Ratty's riverside picnic, the Flopsy Bunnies' soporific lettuce. Momentous stuff. The meat and two veg of history.

We are what we eat indeed. And if we are, then what better than the ultimate accolade, gastroeponomy. The culinary climacteric when what we cat is so special, so delectable, so characteristic, that it gets called after us. The heroes and heroines of the table, those who live on in embellished menus. The names that resound through Larousse. Gastronomique, under "gar-Marivaux, Massena, Massenet. What matter what they did? It's what they are that

Think of them, every one an adornment of the realms of the flesh (or any other comestible) made word: beef wellington (named for the Iron Duke), Australia's pavlova (the dying swan meets kiwi fruit), quiche Arnold Bennett, and the tribute to that hungry, if mixed, quartet:

Nellie Melba, Gioacchino Rossini, Giuseppe Garibaldi and John Montagu, 4th Earl of Sandwich. In other lives an opera singer, a composer, the saviour of his nation and a gambling milord, but for our purposes known primarily for melba toast (not to mention peach melba and garni melba), for tournedos rossini (there's a garni - mainly truffles - for him too), for the garibaldi biscuit (a delicacy known in the Britain that actually created it as "squashed flies"), and

this quartet take their respective bows on Arena Food Night, an evening of programmes devoted to the arcana of consumption. Alongside these Great Moments, or more precisely Great Eaters, are films on last suppers (religious and punitory), kosher food, slugs, bugs and the otherwise inedible, and

According to Arena, according indeed to the most reliable sources, the vignettes the four present give us the culinary lowdown on the way the dishes concerned originated. It is interesting, and doubtless convenient, that all four seem to have sufficiently similar features to be portrayed by Bernard Bresslaw. It is equally interesting that of the four, only Rossini seems actually to have created his masterpiece a phytinously rich confection designed to top a steak and managing, with its mixture of foie gras,

truffles, madeira and kindred delights, to offend simultaneously the ecologists, the animal rights lobby and those for whom cholestero sits in the very ante-room of hell.

But then Rossini was someone who liked his nosh. Composing was as nothing to a good tuck-in. As the story goes, it was necessary for his employers to lock him in a room, swapping plates of food for sheets of music — the one withheld till the other appeared.

"As the story goes" because, Bresslaw's portrayals notwithstanding, did the English really send Garibaldi a huge broken biscuit, which when n formed a map of Italy? Did Nellie Melba, gorged on the peach dish that Escoffier had already dedicated to her glory, demand of that maestro that he create something rather less fattening, to wit, melba toast? Did Sandwich, his fortune gone, his house and heirlooms (let more than a sneer across the face of his conqueror, Lord Derby, create the "foodstuff" that bears his name?

Well, up to a point, Lord Forte, up to a point. Sandwich, for instance, seems to have remained a reasonably prosperous, albeit him in The Beggar's Opera as "Jemmy Twitcher", oleaginous betrayer of the hero MacHeath the playwright Charles Churchill described him in 1763, a year after the eponymous food had appeared, as "too infamous to have a friend/Too bad for bad men to commend". On the other hand, Captain Cook named what is now Hawaii the Sandwich Islands. As far as the food goes, the French claim that their peasantry munched such snacks long before the earl; perhaps, like the scientist who built on a generation's re-search, Sandwich merely formalined tradition.

While Garibaldi was bonoured in absentia by British biscuit-makers who had learnt of his liking for current-strewn pastries, Melba definitely ordered up her eponyms. The peach dish was Escoffier's way of compromising on her demand for pêches umbées and his suggestion of an ice. The toast was a secondary compromise - between the plump Valkyrie's appetite, and the strain it placed on her career.

Anyway, what's a few facts between courses? For a personal great moment, fully attested and possibly challenging the powers of even Bernard Bresslaw, try this: Herman Mankiewicz (he who wrote the script of Citizen Kane) blow, a notably fastidious Holly wood producer. Mankiewicz, notably uninhibited Hollywood drunk, found it necessary to punctuate the proceedings by vomiting across the table, Unsurprisingly this caused no little alarm, but Mankiewicz remained unabashed. "Don't worry, Arthur," he beamed, "the white wine came up with the fish."

Henry Ford was wrong. History

Arena Food Night is next Sat-urday (December 15), 8.25pm-12.55am, BBC2

# Echoes of the old Ringmaster

The bracelet J.R.R. Tolkien promised his secretary was transformed into a remarkable literary gift. Now it has been published

London publishers, Allen & Unwin. On my first day, in the old building a stone's throw from the British Museum, Mr Unwin dictated a letter to an Oxford professor of whom I had never heard, and whose name I typed incorrectly. It should have been spelt Tolkien.

The letter included paragraphs about "hobbits"; I had never heard of hobbits either, although the children's story, The Hobbit. and the first two volumes of The Lord of the Rings had been published. The letter was the first of hundreds I was to type to - and from - J.R.R. Tolkien and it was the beginning of my own adven-ture into the land he called

Mr Unwin visited Oxford fairly regularly to see Tolkien. As a small boy, he had read the manuscript of *The Hobbit* (his father, Sir Stanley Unwin, offered him a "reader's fee" of a shilling), and declared that it would interest children between the ages of five and nine. Later, when Mr Unwin was an

undergraduate at Oxford, Tolkien sought him out, and he became an occasional visitor to the professor's home. Later still, he went into the family business and published The Lord of the Rings.
One day Mr Unwin suggested that I go to Tolkien's home in his place, taking letters and parcels sent by the professor's rapidly growing circle of admirers, and dealing with any rapidise.

dealing with any replies.

Fans sent gifts frequently, and on my first visit I had a bag in each hand and a great many parcels as well. Because my hands were full, the packers in the warehouse tied the parcels with great loops of twine and hung them on my arms under my cape. When I arrived at his house, the professor turned to his wife. "Look," he said, "Rayner's sent me a walking

As time went on, Mr Unwin sent me to visit the Tolkiens more and more, as the professor's mail

grew to several hundred items a

or Rayner Unwin at the were varied. Many people sent drawings; there were paintings by children and by prisoners, food (the gift of mushrooms in a jar from New York decayed in transit), a tapestry from Amsterdam and even a silver chalice.

One day, as he cut the string on a packet, he said: "If I find this is a gold bracelet studded with diamonds, it is to be yours." Of course it wasn't, but the bracelet became a joke between us.

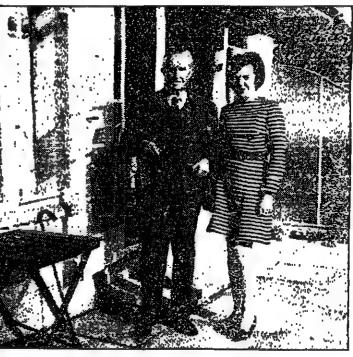
As Tolkien's fame grew, so did the mail. Fans called uninvited at his house in Oxford, and others telephoned. This — and fears for his wife's health — finally persuaded him to retire from Oxford to Bournemouth. Unfortunately just at the time of the move he broke his leg. When he came out of hospital, he asked if I could stay for a week with him to help set up an office and library in the new home. One day, as I picked up a pile of books in my arms and put them on the shelf, something dropped out from between two of them, It was an exercise book; just the covers with a single sheet between, and on the page a poem. He asked what it was; I gave it to him and he read it aloud. It was "Bilbo's Last Song". "I'll keep that safe," he said.

After his wife's death, Tolkien returned to Oxford. I visited him there, too, with the never-ending letters and parcels, and one day after lunch he said: "We've opened all the parcels and there was no gold bracelet for you."

I said that I had not really expected one, and he replied: "I've decided this is going to be your bracelet." He opened a drawer and took out the Bilbo poem which I had found between the books. Then he picked up his pen and wrote that when he died the poem was to be given to me, both the manuscript and the copyright. And now it is published.

JOY HILL

Bilbo's Last Song, with illustrations by Pauline Baynes, is published by Unwin Hyman, price £6.95



Hobbit helper: Joy Hill with J.R.R. Tolkien in Bournemouth in 1968

### 'Twas the night before Christmas

. . . and the dog was stealing the

turkey. Is your insurance cover ready?

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THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL



Sarah Farley examines the radical change in the demands on today's Cirencester students.

THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT - Friday

CHRISTMAS is always a further boxes of assorted chocboom time for burglars, and a busy one for insurance comof cheese biscuits.

panies. "Thieves are delighted to get their hands on brand new items that are still in their wrappings and not yet post-coded with security markers," says Andrew Harrowven at Norwich Union's press office. "If they steal the receipts as well, they can even try to get the money back."

The owner of a trusty guard dog might feel this is not one of his worries, but while a dog might deter a burglar, it is quite capable of stealing the turkey on its own behalf. Pet Plan Insurance Company is offering a hotline for new pet owners up to December 21 and from January 2, providing instant cover against damage caused by pets. Policies, which can cost from £6.25 every second month, offer instant cover for accidental damage and cover for illness after the first two weeks.

Pet Plan's marketing direc-tor, Annie Dickins, says that while her company would never encourage people to buy a new pet at Christmas, experience suggests she can expect a fair number of scasonal claims.

Her files for last Christmas contain such horror stories as the overweight Woking cat (at 181b probably heavier than the turkey) which climbed and toppled the Christmas tree. Nearly £100 was paid out for damage caused to tree and cat (sprained leg and cut eye). Then there was the labrador from Canterbury which suffered vomitting and diarrhoea

after wolfing down two boxes

of liqueur chocolates, two

olates, one large bag of pea-nuts and one family-size box

But these tales pale by comparison with the list of canine crimes compiled by a new dog owner in Co. Antrim, who wrote to the company in

This included claims for a presentation case of Yves Saint Laurent Opium perfume, chewed; the sleeve of a guest's fur coat, eaten; one and a half slippers, two nap one hair brush, one £80 talk-ing teddy bear gift, some Lego, 40 cigarettes, a housecoat (the visitor's gift to the hostess) one pen and notebook, one man's wallet containing £10, and one pair of spectacle frames, all gnawed. Finally listed was: "One chicken, fresh. dead. Cost: £4.25 pinched from car boot.

The owner added: "I didn't have enough space to itemise everything in my first letter to you. With four extra people staying in the house they were probably not as watchful as myself, and at times it was very easy for the dog to steal."

The company's £350 payout reflected the fact that the guest's fur coat had been bought for a bargain £200 in a sale. But the human cost is

"I have just had the pleasure of friends staying for the last three weeks," the claimant's letter starts. "I hadn't seen them for four years, and after my dog's escapades i doubt if I shall see them for

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# Are we toying with children's affections?

he toy which took America by storm at the New York Toy Fair last year was the Mommy Doll, a 25in tall, harassed working mother figure that comes with alternative outfits of power suit of advertising in Great and briefcase or tracksuit and

Toy retailers are anticipating healthy sales in an unhealthy climate this Christmas, because of the high number of children with guiltridden working mothers, or from broken homes where parents are trying to buy their offspring's affections.

minate one in three marriages in Britain, and nearly one in two in the United States have spawned a generation of both parents working, but less "portable kids", as the Americans call them, who demand cans call them, who demand children are spoilt with toys as plenty of portable toys to take a substitute for parental time." between their two (or sometimes more) homes,

contributed to the popularity of miniature toys such as child's room indicate not. Galoob's Micro Machines and enough love." Bouncin' Babies. Susan If the Teenage Mutant Hero Butenhoff, a spokeswoman for Turtles are the sewer equiva-Galoob and a keen observer of lent of latchkey kids, perpetuthe toy markets in Britain and ally craving the comfort of the United States, says: pizzas, the master ret, Splin-"These new 'collectable' ter, who trains them, can be crazes indicate that with split- seen as the father figure they parent households and the lack. To boys raised in famguilt factor, lods are getting ilies with absentee fathers smaller, less expensive toys on such scenes of macho togetha more regular basis, rather erness, suggests Sue Slipman, than a few big, expensive gifts director of the National Counon birthdays and Christmas. cil for One-Parent Families, And the toys, like the kids, may fulfil a very real need, need to be highly portable." She suggests it can also

The young "divorce cynics", as the advertising agency Gold, Greenlees Trott dubbed toys, a philosophy carried them in its recent report (trued through into the new breed of "Spoiled Brats") on the future adult toys such as tear-apart

Do weekend fathers and working. mothers buy off their 'portable children' with portable toys?

teddies and "stress dolls" -

traffic wardens, bosses and

other traditional bate figures

which can be ripped timb from

limb with the satisfying sound

Professor Jeffrey Goldstein,

an American behavioural

psychologist specialising in children's play, subscribes to the "if you can't beat 'em, join

Professor Goldstein, a

member of the National Toy

of Velcro tearing.

Britain, may easily boast two bikes and computers, one for each home. They spend their Saturdays cruising the toy shops with weekend fathers who do not know what else to do with them and try to buy love by buying toys.

Working mothers, too, attempt to assuage their guilt by buying more toys than their Divorces — which now ter-ninate one in three marriages according to Dr John Pearce, the British child psychiatrist. There is more money with time for the children, and Dr Pearce says, "Parents should ask themselves, 'Am I The divorce statistics have just buying time for myself? ontributed to the popularity To me, too many toys in a

If the Teenage Mutant Hero

She suggests it can also be good for children to take out their aggressive feelings with provoke feelings of aggression than buying a Teenage Mutant 'Turtle," Professor Goldstein says. "Children are not putty in the hands of advertisers." But Dr Pearce argues that manufacturers who market such a grim vision may ac-

tually prove hazardous to our children's health and dev-elopment. The use of plastic has made it possible to produce extraordinarily detailed and lifelike toys, which are passed on to very young children who once upon a time would have relied upon imaginative play with old washing-up liquid bottles and 'em" theory. Prohibiting violent or disgusting toys — however distasteful they seem to parents — will only turn pots and pans. Today their imagination is limited by the details in the toys, and the more detailed the toy the less them into a forbidden scope for the child's own imagination and the more they are manipulated by the

Council in Britain, was welcomed by the British Toy and Hobby Manufacturers' Asso-• The British Toy and Hobb Manufacturers' Association, 80
Camberwell Road, London SES
OEQ (071-701 7271) will lend a
video to interested groups on
how to choose well-designed toys cianon at its seminar earlier this year on the significance of toys in child development. Seeing your father shout at for good development at differen your mother is more likely to



Fur play: divorcee Sue Rolfe and Katie - "I don't think she gets any more than if her father and I were still together

# Most parents talk of buying children things that 'stretch them'

know that readers of The Times questheir children's presents this Christmas drew up lists with scarcely a toy on them. Most talked about buying children "things that would last" or "stretch them" creatively.

ents or working mothers accepted the premise that they bought their children more in order to compensate for any imagined lack. Sue Roife, a theatre press officer, who was divorced three years ago when her daughter Kaue was nine,

says: "I don't think she gets any more 'We haven't she would have if her father got room and I were still for a horse together. I think it's mostly peer pressure that deterand she's already mines the grits children get, and in got a computer' ber school now it's all horses and computers, but we

haven't got room for a horse and she's already got a computer." So Kate will be getting tennis lessons, clothes and "crair" things, adding up to around £180.

Caroline Dorling, who has recently opened Flint House, a

heating centre in Lewes, Sus-sex, and her husband Christopher Dorling, a former publisher, say they "try not to spoil" their son Heary, aged six. This Christmas he will be getting a second-hand type-writer (free), a "discarded Red Indian outfit", some Playnobil and a stocking, for a stal outlay of £58.50. "Henry n't a wanting sort of child,"

s mother says. Amanda Docker, who runs mscote Manor Dried Flowfrom her Tudor house near atford, and her husband, a d industry consultant, ofbuy their children (Sophie, d 12, and William, ten) mething fairly serious plus have a toy roundabout (£5).

Total bill, £20.80. ne major present, usually

oy manufacturers the big presents are likely to be may not be pleased to "a sailing boat — a dingby, really" for William, costing about £400; and for Sophie either a saddle (£300) or the redecorating of her bedroom at a cost of up to £800.

Jane Carter, a forme

journalist, and her husband Christopher, a banker, live in a five-storey Victorian bouse in Kensington. The Carters believe in "one big present that's useful and lasting from us" for their children, Jamie, aged six, and Clare, five, and smaller presents from Father Christmas.

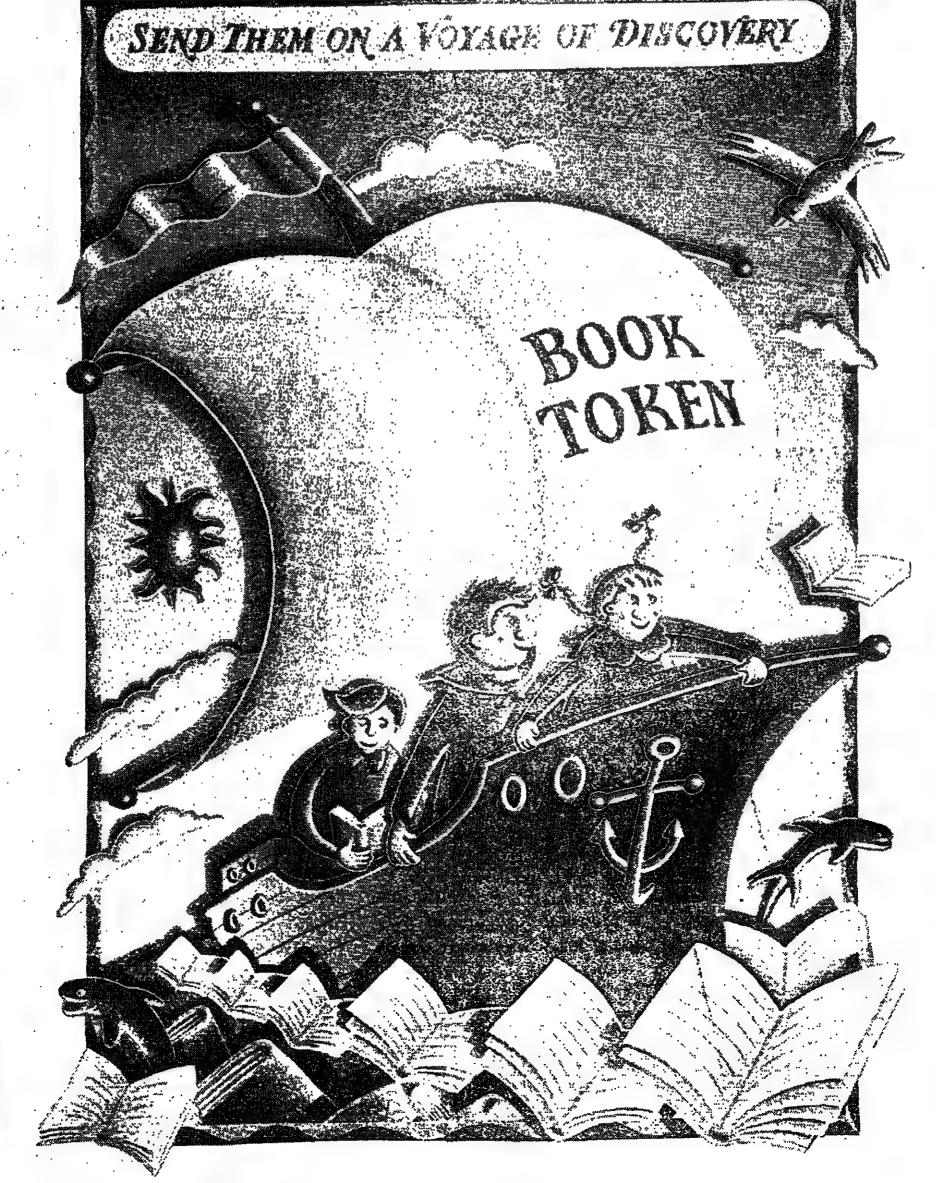
This year Clare's big gift will be a hand-parmed, suppled pedestal desk, cost-ing £700. "Jamie

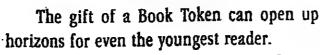
wants a computer
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Carters do not buy their children toys, they everyone else does that, and if they get

stocking will con-tain £20-worth of books, a £7.99 video, a personalised stationery set (£7), a ruler and eraser set (£2) and sweets. Ruth Glendennan is the

mother of two daughters -Bernadette, aged two, and Jessica, six months. Her husband, Kevin, is an un-employed builder, and they hve in a council house in Billencay, Essex. They are anticipating Christmas on a shoestring, but Mrs Glenden-nan says: "I wouldn't buy any of that over-packaged plastic stuff anyway. As a member of the Women's Environmental Network I have strong prin-

riples about such things. Bernadette's presents will be a stethoscope (£3.50), a rag doll (£2), some Plasticine (80p), magnetic shapes (£2), a Postman Pat cup (£1.50), a xylophone (£4), a colouring book and crayons (£1), and a scrapbook (£1). Jessica will





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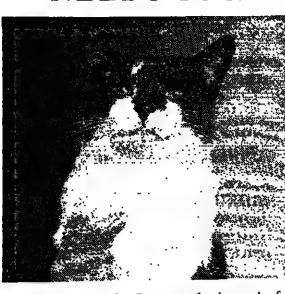
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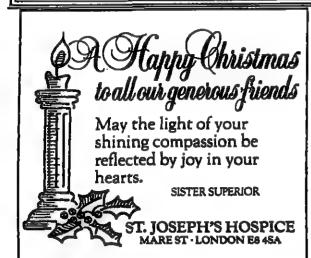
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# Faith, hope and a little marketing

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A recent survey carried out by the Charities Aid Foundation showed that the average monthly donation in households has fallen from £1.97

Articles have appeared in the national press concentrating on the theme that charities, with less financial support, would be unable

Harold Sumption, who is a trustee for Help the Aged, ActionAid and the NSPCC, fears that talk about falling charity income may become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

"A household survey only reflects part of the picture. It should not be taken to represent changes in the pattern of income for charities from the main methods of fund-raising, which are direct mail, covenants and legacies, advertising and corporate giving.

"Income is by no means stagnant, in fact it is increasing for the charities that I talk with."

Simon Lloyd, the fund-raising director of Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, agrees that charity giving has not dropped, but been refocused.

"Charity really does begin at home," Mr Lloyd says. "People are more interested in small, local charities where they can see how their money is being spent, and it is the Third World aid programmes that will lose out. However, there is no cause for complacency. We have to improve the well-tried methods of fund-raising and develop new approaches to charity giving."

Direct mail has proved over the years to be a highly effective means of bringing in a significant slice of new donations. Yet critics believe that it tarnishes the image of charities by associating them with the commercial junk mail brigade. The direct mail specialists, Burnett Associates, did a split test for charity, conducting a mail-shot in some envelopes had the Royal Mail Mailsort symbol, some had a computer-generated label and the remainder were hand-addressed with a stamp. The personalised letters produced by far the greatest

Other familiar methods of fundraising are also benefiting from an increasingly professional approach. Charity shops no longer look like a village hall jumble sale, mainly due to the influence of Oxfam's colourco-ordinated fashion displays, and their turnover has increased accordingly. More emphasis is being placed on covenants and legacies, and any charity worth its salt makes

Charities are getting more professional in their campaigning and winning wider

company support



Caring little and large: while individuals still rattle collecting boxes, Bristol cathedral choir has won sponsorship from Nuclear Electric

sure that an easy-to-understand covenant form is included with all its promotional literature.

The government's Give-As-You-Earn scheme, a system of payroll giving has yet to fulfil its early promise, but new tax-effective ways of giving a single gift to charity may be more successful. Two recently introduced schemes, deposited covenants and Gift Aid, which is for single annual gifts of between £600 and £5 million, could become valuable sources of income if charities were prepared to spend time informing and encouraging their supporters to give in this way. Corporate donations are an im-

portant part of many charities' come, but the recession is bound to have an effect on the charity budgets of many companies. Mr Sumption is convinced that charities will have to improve their corporate fundraising methods. \*Charities must approach com-

panies in a much more realistic way and not just ask for donations and cheques. They will have to consider more commercial opportunities such as a merchandising scheme where there is a benefit to the company as well as the charity."

Cherubic-faced choristers may not seem to be obvious candidates for charitable donations, but their musical contribution to English cathedral life has to be supported financially, Bristol cathedral found a bold and imaginative solution to the perennial problem of shortage of funds. The small print at the bottom of the weekly list of cathedral services discreetly reveals that the choir is sponsored by Nuclear Electric

"We see it as a way of associating a new local company with an ancient local institution," says Dr Wesley Carr, the Dean of Bristol cathedral. "The sponsorship, of £250,000 over a period of ten years, will contribute to enabling th cathedral and its choir to go into the 21st century on a sound financial basis. It is very much a charitable donation - the company is not looking for any return other than the prestige of supporting an im-portant part of Bristol life."

Bristol cathedral displays a worldly, professional approach to fund-raising that other charities might do well to emulate. Most charitable organisations hold an appeal, but the cathedral is running development programme. If the thought of commercialism

in the cathedral close makes some people throw up their hands in horror, the idea of charities among the advertising breaks on television is equally at odds with traditional views of fundraising, However, the much-heralded new way of raising money through television appearances has proved to be a big disappointment to many charities. A 30-second advertising slot tends to trivialise a cause, and the American experience has been that no direct marketing commercial of less than two minutes is worth having because much of the time is

taken up with putting across the

message and giving the address and

harities, like companies, have to become more efficient in order to make the best use of limited, and possibly decreasing, resources. There was a tendency among charities to offer poor, or no, pay and attract amateurs who might be wellmeaning but who had little business experience. There are healthy signs that the voluntary sector is beginning to see the logic of paying commercially realistic salaries to attract high-calibre staff. Frequently now, two efficient people are doing the work that was formerly carried out by three staff.

There are conflicting views on whether charity giving is suffering from an economic downturn, but the Nineties present the prospect of a steadily increasing number of charities competing for the same, or a smaller, pot of money. Mr Sumption believes that in the future some charities will have to amai-

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gamate to survive. "There is a near-duplication of interests in some areas of the voluntary sector," he says. "People are puzzled as to why there are so many charities tackling apparently similar causes. I see that in the next ten years, voluntary organisations will have to join forces, as happens in the commercial sector, and this should lead to greater efficiency."

Mr Lloyd agrees that efficiency and professionalism are essential. "Fundraising has become more streamlined," he says, "because there are a lot of people chasing the same amount of money. In the decade ahead it will be the charities who have got themselves properly organised, who can present a professional case for how they want to spend funds, who will prosper. Those who are unprepared will find it increasingly difficult to persuade the public, and business, to support

# olt wasn't the cancer patient who needed me it

was the relatives. When I arrived at the house the patient was asleep upstairs. I was immediately concerned about his wife. She looked as



if she hadn't seen her bed for a week, which she probably hadn't.

Her daughter was just leaving as I arrived.

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# Winners with business

ities. It is estimated that the 400 leading corporate donors give a total of more than £90 million every year to the voluntary sector (Widget Finn writes).

How do companies choose their charity? Andrew Searle, from British Petroleum's community affairs team, says:
"We have developed a number of criteria and these are laid out in a brochure. We support a number of categories, including community health and welfare, employment and training, environmental conservation and protection, young people, Third World organisations, arts and education and technical developments.

"We look for an organisation that has a clearly identifiable project so that we can monitor its progress. We believe that this will help the organisation in apply-

ing improved business techniques to the project." Mr Scarle emphasises that it is important for BP to avoid dictating how its donations are used. "Otherwise," he says, "we might find that charities are creating projects

because they know it is something that we would support."

BP's Matched Giving programme gives staff the nominate their favourite charities.

The scheme, which was launched in 1988, guarantees that the company will match whatever employees donate to charity, and gifts are nov approaching £700,000. Initially staff supported the big national charities, but in the last year there has been a switch to small, local

Less well-known charities are also often the beneficiaries of Digital Equipment's charity giving. The company, which



How do charities go about getting

donations from the commercial sector?

has a Give As You Earn scheme, will select a charity nominated by its staff. The Living Paintings Trust, which produces three-dimensional pictures for the blind, received ,000 from Digital, enabling it to produce packets of albums, tapes and thermoforms of Monet's paintings to link in with Digital's sponsorship of the recent Monet exhibition.

Digital's donations are often in the form of computer equipment. There are important criteria involved in selecting the recipients. Peter Thomson, the chairman of Digital Chantable Society, says: "We avoid any direct contact with sales opportunities so it is clear that there are no mixed motives in the donation. We also ensure that every donation of equipment

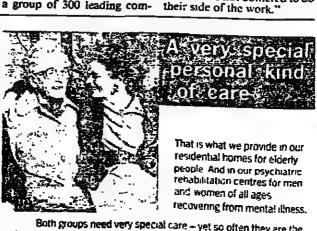
has a mentor. Often a small charity thinks it needs computerisation, but without understanding what it needs it for. One of our staff will assess the need of the organisation and report back to our committee. then follow it through with instruction in the use of the

Digital Equipment is a member of the Per Cent Club, a group of 300 leading companies which give a minimum of half a per cent of pre-tax profits or 1 per cent of dividends to the community. Members are encouraged to publish details of their community contribution in annual reports.

Stephenson Harwood is the first solicitors practice to become a member of the Per Cent Club. The firm chooses charities connected with the City, the law and organisations such as the Landmark Trust. Christopher Stoakes, a partner, says: "One has to make a choice because although our charitable fund is reasonably large, it is a finite

Mr Searle makes a plea to voluntary organisations to carry out research on a company's policies before applying for funds. "A lot of time could be saved for both parties if the charity takes the trouble to find out which organisations are interested in working in their area. Publications such as the Directory of Social Change list companies' poli-

Christina Pecksen, the head of the charities unit at British Telecom, gives businesslike applications priority. initial application usually reflects the charity's ability to make good use of funding. Many charities seem to think that a scrappy couple of paragraphs on a sheet of paper is sufficient. I do not have time to investigate charities which have not bothered to do



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# To beautify or not to beautify

As Sheffield's Lyceum Theatre re-opens its doors today, Joseph Williams looks at the high cost of bringing old theatres back to life

othing is more desolate and forlorn that an empty theatre. That strange feeling of something about to happen - a cry from the wings or a cackle of laughter in the stalls - hangs in the auditorium air. If a theatre is completely disused, it is just an artistic graveyard.

But to restore or not to restore our decaying theatres is now a very real dilemma in an age when live theatre is becoming such a high-risk business. There is a nagging fear that a new or refurbished theatre could end up, some years later, as a white elephant. As Sheffield's Lyceum Theatre opens today after a two-year restoration costing £12 million, any lingering doubts as to the future of regional theatre may have to be brushed under the auditorium carpet.

The restoration is superb: a light rococo skips along the boxes and stalls of this cream and gold auditorium, which is inviung. grand and warm. Tired strolling players will no doubt appreciate the modernised dressing-rooms and bars. Whether the Lyceum can now live up to its grand image is far from clear. Graced in its heyday by such luminaries as Dame Flora Robson, the fin de siècle theatre ran out of steam by the 1960s, went permanently dark and, after escaping a demoliuon order, managed to convert itself

into a bingo hall. Now the listed Lyceum is a fully-fledged performance venue once more. The production schedule kicks off this month with The Pirates of Penzance, and later offerings include Twelfth Night, directed by Sir Peter Hall, and a Royal Shakespeare Company/ Opera North production of Show Boat. Stephen Barry, chief executive for both the I work and utive for both the Lyceum and Sheffield's other major theatre, the Crucible, believes the Lyceum renovation will prove to be a longterm investment for the city of

"Of course there'll be a honey-

moon period of about six to nine months when people will come to see what the new venue looks like, but we'll survive in the long term because the number of touring companies is steadily growing," he says. "The Lyceum will be a touring venue."

The main sticking-point is that the Crucible Theatre relies so heavily on its popular snooker championships to keep itself afloat, and to pour so much money into a second theatre might prove unwise. Barry Pritchard, an architect from the Renton, Howarchitect from the Kenton, Howard, Wood, Levin (RHWL) partnership behind the restoration, believes there was no possibility of simply investing the funds back into the Crucible: You can't compare the two. This was capital, not revenue expenditure. Funds from the council were provided for the specific purpose of renovation. You'd find much easier to get a loan to renovate a building than to put on

a production," RHWL built the Crucible, restored the Lyceum and renovated London's Old Vic amongst other theatre projects. Many theatres, however, are in such a state of disrepair that their managements cannot afford to refurbish them. Whenever it rains, the basement in London's Theatre Royal, Stratford East, is flooded. The drains need repairing, and the paint is peeling. Theatre Royal, Norwich, requires a £3.5 million refurbishment before it can ever re-open. lan Kellgren, artistic director of the Liverpool Playhouse, which is currently £500,000 in the red, says the theatre was threatened with closure if it failed to replace its carpet, at a cost of £60,000,

Often it's the smaller regular maintenance costs which companies find hard to keep up with," says Charles Morgan, co-ordinator of the recent Autumn 90 Theatre Campaign. "You can get very excited about the major restora-tion of a theatre, and then find there's nothing going on inside it.



Stephen Barry at the Lyceum Theatre: "We'll survive in the long term because the number of touring companies is steadily growing"

Maintaining the building becomes

too expensive." David Thacker, artistic director of the Young Vic, has a bucket on his desk to collect the dripping water. He says: "We've managed to raise £100,000 in the last two years towards repairs, but the money had to come out of revenue funding, so our production schedule has suffered considerably. The Young Vic has been plagued by maintenance problems, exacerbated by the fact that the building was designed to be temporary.

any theatres are not restored at all. London's Lyceum, for away in the heart of the West End. Bought in 1988 by Brent Walker lessure property group, it still remains disused and boarded up.

The homeless sleep behind its darkened portico, and old newspaper reviews still peep down from corners of the building. "Dazzling", reads one. According to Brent Walker, there are "plans for redevelopment", though refurbishment seems highly unlikely at the moment given the company's กิกลกตล) dulliculues. At the other extreme, where

major refurbishments are carned out, theatres will rely on popular stars and safe commercial options to break even. Major theatres in Portsmouth, Newcastle and Bath have been painstakingly restored, and the Darlington Civic Theatre has just re-opened after a refurbishment of £1.5 million. With Des O'Connor and Showaddywaddy billed as future attractions, the renovation is more than likely to pay off.

Theatre companies neglect their buildings at their penl. Licensing regulations are sincler than ever, and fire officers are rightly more interested in faulty wiring than artistic beauty, "if you don't take care of a leaking roof, you won't have a roof over your head," says John Earl, director of the Theatres Trust, an organisation which tries

to prevent the demolition of

theatres. Companies may be faced with the dilemma of spending precious funds either on more productions, or further maintenance. Striking a balance is not easy when £150,000 could cover electrical re-wiring in a large theatre, or fund three new productions at the Young Vic. When it comes to revamping or maintaining a Victorian theatre, there are relatively few contractors who are skilled in carrying out the

decorative plasterwork. Work in a listed building is at any rate bmited to a bare minimum, which is a deadache for architects having to after the entrance of old theatres to meet modern requirements: social enquette in the 19th century

called for special access into the

auditonum for the upper classes. Faced nowadays with the grim possibility that theatre is getting less popular, as suggested by the latest quarterly arts report, Cultural Trends (published iomorrow by the Policy Studies Institute). companies may skimp even more on essential maintenance. The money is not always there to get the best electrical equipment, but the best productions will no doubt he as electric as ever. For Sheffield's Lyceum, with every facility at its disposal, a new era is certainly dawning.

always sheltered him from reality

of their divine mission to keep

Menuhin pure for his instrument,

untainted by an outside world and

untouched by any untoward in-

fluences. As a result, when real life

did intrude in the shape of a

divorce and his post-war tour of

the concentration camps, Menu-

hin took several years to recover

Commendably, Menuhin's children by his first marriage talked openly of his failings as a

father, but also of their eventual

third-generation realisation that a

produgy is always going to remain

a prodigy first, and a parent only

second. Those who prefer their

musicians at a safe distance on the

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#### Proms not promising

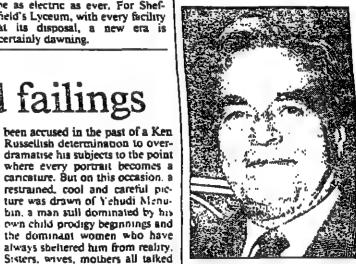
THE BBC's decision to seek sponsorship for the Proms appears temporarily to have missired. According to sources, no company has yet been found willing to put up the requisite £2 million to have its name associated with the world's most famous concert series. Several companies have shown initial interest, only to withdraw because they considered there would not be enough return for the steep asking price. That contrasts strongly with the BBC's other big musical venture: the Young Musician of the Year competition, which has a healthy £1.3 million sponsorship deal with

Broadway bound? NEWS of a possible transfer to

Broadway for Brian Friel's hugely enjoyable play, Dancing At Lughnasa (starring Alec McCowen), which is currently having a considerable success at the National Theatre after its opening run at the Abbey Theatre in Dublin. Scouts have reportedly been seen in the National from Broadway, especially from the powerful Schubert Organisation. There have been meetings about a transfer of the Abbey production with a totally different cast which would open across the Atlantic in the

Laud of the dance

PETER Wright, who is busy mounting a new production of The Nucracker for his Burningham Royal Ballet, took time out last week to be presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Coronauon Award for his outstanding contribution to British ballet. The Queen made the presentation to Mushir who was awarded the CBE in 1985, in the new Fonteyn Centre in the Royal Academy of Dancing in London Dame Ninette de Valois, who founded the company Wright has run for the past 20 years, read a citation which praised the choreographer and former dancer as "an inspirer



Inspirational: Peter Wright

Spirit in stone

A MONUMENTAL stone sculpture by the Indian artist Dhruva Mistry has recently been added to the east wing of the National Museum of Wales' grand neo-classical building in Cardiff. The ten-foot-tall statue was carved from Portland stone in the workshop of the York carver, Dick Reid. It represents the spirit of good, watching over the city's art collections. Mistry's strikingly oriental seated Chimera is probably the largest stone statue sculpted in Britain for some time, and joins 1 l other more conventional works which have been installed upon the building's comice since of opened in 1922

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Last chance . . .

usual, the frailties of the man seem THE period from 1880 to 1920 only to have increased the greatmust, by any standards, be considered a golden age of Brush illustration. The illustrators that everybody knows about, such as Arthur Rackham, are only the tip of the iceberg. Chris Beetles, the leading specialist dealer in such things, has always been a great researcher, and his latest trawl includes many delightful, and some amazing, discoveries on either side of the magical decades. along with a finely varied selection of Rackham, Ricketts, Reynolds, Raemaekers and Raven-Hill They are on show at the Chris Beetles Gallery, Ryder Street, London SW1 (071-839 7551) until

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# Affable maestro behind the images

Henry Mancini, in London to record a new album, talks to Clive Davis about his career

recording studios. Henry Mancini's orchestra pul their violins and horns aside and join the queue for the canteen. They seem giad of the rest: nothing quite compares with the boredom endured by session players. Mancini lingers in the studio, patiently listening to playbacks of the morning's work. He is in London to record a collection of film music by Ennio Morricone and Nino Rota.

Mancini has been plying his trade as a writer and arranger of screen scores for almost 40 years. Four Oscars and 20 Grammy awards testify to his skill. The paradox is that he makes his living by crafting music which goes unnonced most of the time. As he once said of one of his many assignments: "If anyone watching could recognise that it was my writing, I shouldn't have been doing the job."

He has, of course, worked on some memorable productions. His new RCA Victor album, Mancini in Surround (recorded on the Dolby Surround system) unearths some lesser known, not to say downright obscure films. Few cinema-goers will remember much about Mommie Dearest, apart from Fay Dunaway's overacting. They are even less likely to recall Blake Edwards' Sunser or The White Dawn. The 1979 version of The Prisoner of Zenda certainly does stick in the mind, but only because it was one of the worst Peter Sellers comedies of all time. The writer of the sleevenotes does his best to be tactful on this one: "Spoofing the venerated classic", he writes, "proved not to be the success the producers had

hoped for." The list goes on: Michael Caine

unchtime at Abbey Road as Sherlock Holmes in Without a Clue: Burt Reynolds in The Man B'ho Loved B'omen. Nightwing, we are told, was a tale of "vampire bats on an Indian reservation". The one noteworthy trile is Hitchcock's Frenzy. Ironically, Mancini's theme was not used on film: Hitchcock, currously, decided that it was "too menacing". "He didn't complain during the recording," says Mancini. "He just sat there, bobbing his head, and there was champagne afterwards, the whole thing. Beware of those who give

you champagne after sessions."
At 66, Mancini is an affable character, with none of the affectations that might be expected from one who has worked for so long in Hollywood. He bears the quesuons about "Moon River" and "The Pink Panther" with good burnour, and he enjoys talking about his apprenticeship as a musician. The son of Italian immigrants, he was tince a plantalarranger with the Glenn Miller Orchestra, in the years following Multer's death.

The experience proved useful after Mancini abandoned the life of a travelling musician to join the music department of Universal Studios. When The Glenn Miller Story went into production, Mancini worked on the score, picking up his first Oscar nomination. Over the next five years he was kept busy on the studio production line, where assignments could range from Creature From The Black Lagoon to Orson Welles's Touch of Evil.

He went independent in 1958. and soon began his long-running association with the director Blake Edwards. Their first collaboration was a television series, Peter Gunn. Since then Mancini has



provided the music for more than emy Awards in 1962, the following Day's of Wine and Roses. His last Oscar was awarded for Victor/ Victoria in 1983. Yet when many a picture." film soundtracks are little more than a flimsy sequence of Top 40 tunes, he believes the role of the composer is under threat.

"When I used to work for whether or not he liked it. The industry, there are still the finansame with Blake Edwards. Today, cial rewards. This is the man who when you go to a major studio, owns 75 per cent of the composing you have to run the gauntlet. You and publishing rights on "The have to please the producer, the Pink Panther" theme. The tune marketing people, the staff in took him roughly half an hour to music publishing It gets very hard compose. Hollywood, he says, is

25 films by Edwards Breakfast At is often used It's not always done Tiffany's brought him two Acad- for the good of the picture, it's done for the album. The execyear he was a winner again for unives say, well, if the album does well, it'll help the picture. But I haven't heard of an album saving

For the next Edwards production, Mancini has abandoned the orchestral approach and switched to electronics. Strings, be explains, can now make some films appear Stanley Donen on Arabesque or dated. He does not seem entirely Charade, he was the boss. I'd give happy about the move. But whatthe music to him, and he'd say ever the shortcomings of the film

TELEVISION

extended. Not so much Yes, Prime Minister as Watch your Back, Prime Minister, the best pre-Christmas treat of the winter schedules has turned out to be House of Cards, not least because of Richardson's relish at being allowed to play Richard III in modern tailoring and without the bump.

came from Tony Palmer's twohour Menahin - A Family Portrait for Channel 4. Palmer has

#### Falls and failings A NIGHT of high drama, what been accused in the past of a Ken Russellish determination to over-

with Mattie being hurled to her death from the roof gardens of the House of Commons - not a place many journalists will venture in search of future interviews, especially if they happen to be with a murderous prime minister. The ultimate triumph of House of Cards. Andrew L'avies's lour-part thnilet derived for BBC I from the Michael Dobbs novel of party political chicanery, was that it managed to avoid a descent into total farce as Ian Richardson went about killing oil his rivals for Downing Street with all the eventual subtlety of a combine harvester run amok.

You might think that; I could not possibly comment," could become the commercial catchphrase of the 1990s, and the only regret as the series came to a close last night was that there appeared to be no plans for a sequel. We left Richardson on his way to the Palace for a triumphal audience with the Queen, who will presumably have been counting her royal fingers after their hundshake. But an intriguing climpse of a

septimienten tilme billent up bil per less gratherest letter. Made exprice produced to the contract of a framework Square not to near the a limit of future pattles trung the only other contender still in the lar corner of the ring, suggests that somebody somewhere in the corndors of BBC drama may have noticed the ratings on this one and wisely decided that it will have to be

But the real drama of last night

ness of the artist. Elsewhere the best laugh of the night came from the final episode of Peter Pagnamenta's splendid Nippon series for BBC 2, wherein a panel of Japanese quiz contestants were seen trying to fathom what a fox hunt might be, and to what purpose. It is enjoyed, explained their host, exclusively by very rich landowners who hardly seem to work at all. The Japanese giggled politely and went back to taking over the world by micro-technology. So inscrutable, these English, and they all look alike on horseback. SHERIDAN MORLEY | Friday.

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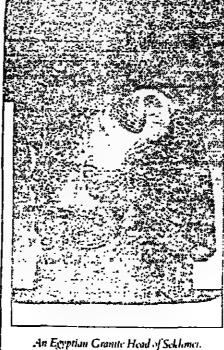
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Warhola! Offstage, Chalk Farm

THE two loos (both flush) are credited in the programme to Armitage Shanks. They are divided by a dotted line down the wall and along the floor: tear along the perforation to separate A's flat from B's. Christopher Renshaw's design plasters an eye, a mouth and a nostril on A's wall; B's is emblazoned with the brand names of cleaning solutions. B is present in the shape of Prunella Gee in a short apron, red stiletto Chelsea boots and little else, sitting in a position of abandonment on her toilet.

We owe this pièce trouvée to Ken Campbell's delvings into the diaries of Andy Warhol (real name Warhola). His habit of tape-recording telephone conversations (he was always A, his interlocutor B) led to the preservation of a memorably loony exchange - or rather, monologue with interjec-tions — with a cleanliness freak whom Gee endows with nasal New York tones and a bright vehemence that verges on the chatuly insane.

For nearly 90 minutes she regales her unseen partner with meticulous details on how she vacuums her carpets, typewriter, postcards, little address books "England, Spain, Rome, Europe, Paris"), chequebooks, shopping bags and plants. She describes flushing down the loo "a lot of things they say can't be flushed" including torn-up photos of herself naked which, to her disgust, a hotel engineer discovers and sucks together. When getting rid of watercolours after a bout of finger-

CONCERT

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JONATHAN Harvey, now in his

early fifties, continues to compose

with a young man's energy, and

with a youthful capacity to sur-

prise. Hearing what he has to say

about his Cello Concerto, which

had its first performance on

Friday night, one might think one

As with nearly all his music of

the past 15 years and more, there

is much talk of the spiritual, and

the piece carries an epigraph from

the Mahabharata as well as the

promise of links with the report-

DANCE

Roughcut

Theatre Royal,

Newcastle

THERE is nothing rough about

Richard Aiston or his new piece

for Rambert Dance Company.

One would be hard out to find a

more precise, more civilised

choreographer. Roughcut, un-

veiled as part of Newcastle's dance

festival and scheduled for further

performances in Glasgow this

unambiguously.

week, bears its author's marks

What first hits the eye are the

simple but vivid perspex rods.

designed by Tim Hatley. Initially

they resemble spillikins, arranged

criss-cross near the front of a calm.

grey space. Then they shift upright

into orderly tree-like rows, to be

raised and lowered at intervals

and provide a visual continuity to

stunning yellow (courtesy of Peter

Mumford's lighting) as Alston em-

banks on a jaunty sequence for

three dancers. The subtle contrasts

of mood match Steve Reich's

accompanying scores: New York

Counterpoint and Electric

Counterpoint, in which live solo

clarinet and guitar play against

The pale grey floor yields to a

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A memorably loony exchange: Soos Wilson and Prunella Gee in Warhola!, for commisseurs of individuality painting in the shower, "I decided I could do a Roy Lichtenstein in the toilet . . . I could do a lasper

Johns in the john." Her listener, meanwhile, follows her example by throwing food down the loo and photographing it, and curls up and nods off, the receiver propped up by his ear. The dark side of obsession breaks through whenever she senses that A has left his post. "If I could talk to myself I would," she cries in panic. "But I can't."

Gee could make more of the pathos, as when she compares her

edly mystical opera he is writing

for the Coliseum. It is, he has said,

work about extraordinary imagi-

native powers being wielded by

the composer (who seems to have

challenged himself to leave behind

what might have been becoming

easy options), and about extraor-

dinary feats of technique, sonority

and dedication being achieved by

his chosen soloust, Frances-Marie

The fundamentals are quite

simple. The solo cello is strung

between two opposing factions: a

large orchestra, which wants to

engage with it in the kind of

emphatic, rhetorical discussion

characteristic of the concerto form

since Beethoven, and a scintillat-

taped music. Here are Amanda

Britton and Mark Baldwin slowly

stretching and coiling round each

other to waves of strumming

chords that surge and fade. Here is

Paul Old in a dynamic solo of

leaps and spins, parading that

rarest quality in modern dance:

wonderfully vigorous end-of-eve-

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elated after the earlier seventies of

Stobban Davies (Signature) and

Glen Tetley (Embrace Tiger and

Return to Mountain). Roughcut is

a sister piece to the same choreog-

rapher's popular Strong Lan-

guage, but more richly textured.

The 12 dancers travel the stage

with an exhibitanting sweep and

sharpness, their movement turn-

bling out in a creamy continuum.

Equally, though, they give a beautifully loose nonchalance to

the slouches and shuffles that echo

coldness of Richard Alston, Now

we have a man who establishes a

teasing interplay among humans,

an affectionate rapport. What is

more, the company commu-

nicates a huge enjoyment, where

Rambert faces usually stare dis-

passionately, this time they break

Let us hear no more about the

the jazz elements.

out in broad grins.

Above all. Alston presents a

Well, maybe, but it is also a

a work about bliss.

vacuum to a toy ("A canister vacuum cleaner could look like a little horse") and could perhaps be slightly more spaced out. She succeeds admirably at the zany, Holly Golightly wackiness ("I always vacuum in the nude"), or the marvellously inconsequential, as when she learns about the refinements of bathrobes "from

the French husband of a friend". Ultimately, I have a sneaking suspicion that she exists as the most exhausting feed to the most laconic star in the history of double acts. Saoo Wilson is best

known as a playwright. No backhanded compliment intended, but he should act much more. His Warhol has the wondering, faintly apprehensive look of a zonked-out dowager, his expressions range from the slightly affronted to dazed imbecility. His few words are uttered in a throttled, nasal quack. He is a gem. A little longer would be too long, a little shorter would be better; but connoisseurs of individuality blending into dominess should sample this duet.

MARTIN HOYLE

ing quintet of tuned and electric percussion, which diverts it into pregnant epigram, excited stillness and the thin but ozone-rich air of the upper treble.

This is an antithesis that Pierre Boulez has exploited, and there are times when this concerto draws near Boulez's brilliant percussion forays. But it is indicative of Harvey's position between European modernism and English tradition that one should also be reminded of the allure these ringing instruments have in Britten's music.

The difference is that in Harvey the allure of the percussion section is benign, leading the cello back again and again to lyricism in a high register where the instrument's rich tone is tightened

DANCE

A Streetcar

Named Desire

Theatre Royal, Glasgow

MARCIA Haydée's tremendous

performance as Blanche du Bois is

the whole point of the ballet,

which John Neumeier has based

on Tennessee Williams's play.

Without her as its driving force,

why should anyone have laboured

to put this web of wordy fantasies

into the form of movement which

imposes a further set of ambigu-

Much ingenuity has gone into

using the corps de ballet in

rectangular floor patterns in the

hope of suggesting the city of New

Orleans as a background to the

action. Care has been spent in

stretching condensing or reiterat-

ing incidents so that the action fits

the two disparate scores accompa-

aying the ballet: Prokofiev's "Vi-

sions Fugitives" for solo piano for

the first half, which shows

Blanche's muddled memories of

Belle Reve; and Schmittke's

tumultuous, multi-styled First

Symphony, to show life with her

sister in New Orleans. The whole

work is restructured into a retro-

spect from Blanche's bed in the

asylum, which becomes the focal

ities upon those of the author?

into urgency, and bringing the work towards its main climax of rapid repetition, of fluttering on the spot.

The extreme virtuosity of the cello part — a musical and not just a technical virtuosity, since so much of the line is sung - drew a magnificent performance from Utto, while Lothar Zagrosek and the BBC Symphony, who went on to give a beautiful, limpid, sure account of two studies Busoni wrote for Doktor Faust, showed that the new concerto is also a remarkable orchestral piece, full of beautiful detail and not afraid of sonorous tuttis. The prospect of Harvey's Coliseum opera becomes an enticing one indeed.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

point of Neumeier's own décor. Yet it would be unconvincing to claim that this Streetcar Named Desire has much point, if any, without the way it is performed Haydee was backed in the Stuttgart Ballet's visit to Glasgow by a strong team. Marion Jager gives keep her own life and lusts intact at any cost. Richard Cragun has the power for Stanley Kowalska, and Vladimir Klos subdues his customary elegance into a mixture

of pugnacity and clumsy tenderness as Mitch. Thierry Michel brings understanding and nuance to his mul-tiple role as Blanche's husband, the newspaper boy she accosts, and the doctor who takes her away at the end. A surprising resemblance to a young version of Cragun aids the dramatic effec-

tiveness of this. None of it would be any use without an interpretation of Blanche as riveting as Haydee's. The mixture of gentility and crudity, the self-excusing manner while remorselessly destroying herself and anyone else within reach, are conveyed in obsessive gestures which maintain a high level of theatrical exaggeration while remaining true to the naturai feelings beneath. The house rose to her.

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THE COMFORT OF STRANGERS (18): Rubert Everett and Natures Achardson moothing around Versce, talling prey to the warped Christopher Walken. Laborotel psychological drams. Curzon Maytaw (071-489 3737).

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BBC 2

8.30 A Living Antique. A profile of Hilliers

9.00 Laverne and Shirley. American

10.55 After Hours. Keeping warm,

Canadian style

11.15 The invisible Man (r)

with John Curry (r)

9.25 Water under the Bridge. A three-

12.00 impressions: The Miller, A portrait

he Amazon delta of Brazil (r)

1.05 The Gun, A history of the firearm (r) 1.20 Pigeon Street. Cartoon (r) 1.35

2.00 News and weather, followed by Songs of Praise. From Tooling, south London (r). (Ceetax)

2.35 Six Faces of Royalty: Victoria — from Canvas to Celluloid. Sir Roy

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4.30 Behind the Headlines, June Corbin

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5.00 Film: Step Lively (1944, b/w).

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entations of Queen Victoria (r)

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2.15 Starsky and Hutch: Photo Finish. Cops and robbers in downtown Los Angeles with Paul Michael Glaser and David Soul (r)

2.05 Hudson and Halls. The camp cooks are joined by the actress Lorraine Chase to create the perfect winter dinner party menu osso buco and an onginal 3.25 Head of the Class: Reel Problems.

American high school comedy 3.50 Children's BBC: Fireman Sem. Cartoon 4.00 A Bear Behind 4.10 The New Yogi Bear Show (r) 4.20 Happy Families 4.35 Thundercars Cartoon 4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceetax)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceetax). Northern nd Soortswide; Inside Ulster 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons. Weather

6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland Neighbours 7.00 Wogan. The guests are members of the Otivier family, the actress Joan

Plowright, her son Richard and saughters Tamem and Julie-Kate 7.30 Watchdog. In the entertaining consumer magazine, Bill Hanrahan meets people from Lancashire for whom the dream of building their own homes turned sour

8.00 Tally Addicts. Two families of goggle-box gogglers battle it out in the

8.20 Some Mothers Do 'Ave Em. Michael Crawford as the accident-prone Frank Spancer, with Michele Dotnice as his patient and doting wife. Feeling that he is a failure, Frank warts a psychiatrist, and you can guess the rest

8.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional News and weather 9.30 Panorama: Mr Ridley's Europe. Nicholas Ridley is one of the flercest opponents of European union in the Conservative party, and regards it as the fundamental wave for the Nineties. As heads of government meet in Rome. Anthony Howard takes Ridley on a lour of Europe, where he meets MEPs, the mayor of the re-united Berlin, and the editor of the German newspaper Die Zert, and argues his case for opposing greater economic and monetary union

10.10 Mancuso FBI: Death and Taxes. Robert Loggia as the hard-nosed FBI agent. Northern treland: Growing Freedom; 10.36 Ulster in Focus 11.00 The Rock 'n' Roll Years, Music and

news clips from 1976 (r) 11.30 Advice Shop (r) 12.00 Weether

6.20 Def II: New Attitude. American comedy senes about a beauty salon



Bitter experience: Alleen Quinton (7.30pm)

7.30 Open Space: Disaster Never Ends. ● CHOICE: The community access slot is given over to survivors and victims of public tragedies such as the Remembrance Day bombing of Enniskillen, the King's Cross fire and the Marchioness riverboat collesion, who speak movingly and often bitterly about their experience and show that post-traumatic stress is only a part of it. There is agreement that the initial shock is compounded by the way victims are treated, with psychological and social support from the caring agencies patchy, disorganised or non-existent. There is bittamess at the insensitivity of officials and public bodies, with particular criticism of inquests, lewyers, caring agencies and trust funds. Even thence remarks muset for the best can be fruntul. Alleen Quinton, whose mother was killed at Enniskillen, had people telling her how lucky she was to be alive wi almost fell the would rather be dead. (Ceefax). Wales: Taste of Wales

8.00 Romania - Exodus of the CHOICE: The thousands of orphans abandoned in Romenia affai the collapse of the communist regime have proved a magnet to couples from Britain with no realistic hope-of adopting at home. But the

bureaucracy and the legal processes can be daunting. This film relates the story of Melcolm and Sue Alexander from Scotland and their hourmand temots to adopt two Romanian babies. Sue soent several weeks in Romania by herself warting for a vital document to come through until itieasi immigration to bong the three of them out. The experiences of other Britons reveal similar difficulties, although inter-country adoption is a rolet leaute. At the same time the film highlights the dreadtul conditions in which many orphans live, including those who are handicapped or infected with Alds and unlikely to find a home in Britain

· CHOICE: in another chap and lucid exposition of a complex topic, Nature tecking the emission entail aspects of sewage disposal. The issue is sludge, the solid matter left over after sewage is treated, and what to do with it. The amount of studge is set to rise by one half over the next decade but one of the mem disposal routes. dumping at sea, is being blocked by the European Community. The abvious solution would seem to be increasing the use of sludge as fertilizer for fermland, but sewage can also contain look industrial waitle. Manch Bowmen's report takes in the views of industry and the green movement and allows the environment minimize to get in a plug for water privatisation. The film also visits France, where factories do their own sewace treatment, and a community of Wales

which exchange some and turns its waste straight into compost, (Ceefax) 9.00 Film: The Right Stuff (1983). The concluding part of Philip Kaufman's epic film, based on the book by Torn Wolfe about the early days of the space race. The Americans plan a successful launch of Yurl Gegerin as the first men into space. Starring Sam Shepard (ss Chuok Yeager) and Scott Glenn, (Ceefax) 10.30 Newsright with Peter Snow 11.15 Late Music 1990. The best of the

Late Show's five performances during the past year 11.55 Weather 12.00 Behind the Headlines (r). Ends at

#### ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-sm 9.25 Keynotes. Alistar Divail hosts the music quiz 9.55 Thames News and 10.00 The Time . . . The Place. Nike

Scott mosts the traveling daily discussion programme 10.40 This Morning. Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan are joined by cookery expert Susan Brookes and wine Don gives tips for the garden and Fred Talbot forecasts the weather includes at 10.55 ITN News 11.55 Thernes News and weather 12.05 Rose and Jim: Weaving. Presented

12.25 Home And Away 12.55 Thames News and weather

1.00 News at One with John Suchet. 1.20 Themes Help. A preview of the week's evening programmes 1.50 A Country Practice

2.20 Snooker: The World Matchplay. From Brentwood Centre, Essex, John Parrott takes on Steve James or Terry Grithins for a place in the semi-final 3.15 News headines 3.20 Tharnes News headines
3.25 Families. Anglo-Australian soap 3.55 Children's ITV: Bugs Burny and

Friends (r) 4.20 The Sooty Show (r) 4.45 Count Duckuta (r) 5.10 Who's the Boss? It Happened One 5.40 News at 5.40 with Nicholas Owen.

Westner 5.55 Thames Held 6.00 Home and Away (r) 6.30 Thames News and weather 7.00 Wish You Were Here . . . ? In the balmy holiday show, Judith Chalmers 8.30 World in Action; Mrs Thatcher's Secret Servant, David Hart, a businessman and property developer, was one of the former prime mindler a most contr advisers. World in Action examines his role as an unofficial aide to Cabinat government, his role during the 1963 and 1987 general elections and his relations with senior CIA and M5

samples the winter delights of St lives in Comwall, John Carter goes South to the unsport Apulia on Italy's heel and viewer Steven Hume tries out ide as an American summer camp counsellor (Oracle)



Bakmy holidays: Judith Chaimers (7.00pm) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) 8.00 Freddie & Max. In the Dick Clement lan La Freñais sitcom about two ill-

matched women, Maxine (Anne Bancroft) is determined not to make a boring commercial, but when a handsome man comes onto the scene she changes her mind

> officers. The programme also looks at his funding of a secret monthly report, British Briefing, on so-called Subversives and enemies of the state. service officer includes interviews with

Hert; Patrick Cospans, lormer special edviser to Mrs Thatcher; Ned Sowth, former inclusions relations carector of British Coal; and former Conservative Cabinet minister John

9.00 Taggart: Death Comes Softly. The second of a satisfyingly crafted three part story, strong on character and setting, in which Mark McManus as the dogged Glaswegran detective investigates the apparently unconnected murders of two elderly people. Concludes next Monday. (Oracle)

10.00 Nove in Ton With Alassas Burnet and Julia Somerville. Weether 10.30 Tharres News and weather 10.40 Snooker: The World Metcholay. From Brentwood Centre, Essex. The match between John Parrott and Steve James or Terry Griffiths to produce the second semi-final 12.30am Sportsworld Extra. International

sporting action, including highlights of the weekend's European football 1.30 World Chess Championship. Grandmaster Raymond Keens pro further analysis of the world championehip clash between Karpov

and Karparov 2.00 Film: This Man is Dangerous (1985). This pilot for the crime series Stingray stars Nick Mancuec as an international mounteemooter, who was contacts to solve crimes. Recruited by attorney Daphne Delgado (Robyn Douglass) to locate her boss, who has been kidnepped, he accepts on the condition that no questions an animal An entertaining romp for insomnince Directed by Richard Coller

4.00 American College Football 5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 5.00

#### **CHANNEL 4**

6.00 Sing & Swing. Performances by jazz stars of the Thirties and Forties 6.20 Business Daily 6.30 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 The Art of Landscape. Scenes of the natural world accompanied by music 11.00 As it Happens. A new senes begins with Michael Groth and a television crew flying to the Gulf to enable members of the British forces to relay their Christmas messages to tamilies back nome. Today, he goes on manoeuvres with the Desert Rais at

sunnse in the Saudi desert 12.00 Broken Silence: Freedom of the Skies. The varied ways in which members of the animal lungdom are able to propel themselves through the ar (r)

12.30 Business Delly 1.00 Sesame Street

2.00 Film: A Cry from the Streets (1958, b/w). An episodic account of the plight of London's homeless children and those who attempt to rehabilitate them. Mex Bygraves stars as an electrician who becomes involved with a children's welfare officer (Barbara Murray) and her young charges. A well-meaning but deted treatment of a still topical theme, directed by Lewis Gilbert of 3.50 Leonardo da Vinci and William

Blake. Two animated films 4.00 Vintage: The Grape Goes West, in the penultimete aprepae of his engrossing series on the story of wine throughout the world, Hugh Johnson takes a look at the elopment of wine growing in the Umrad States, He traces its difficult birth and shows how with the and of prohibition in 1933, America became

a pioneer in applying scientific principles to wine production (r) 4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quiz hosted by Wilham G. Stewart

5.00 The Late Late Snow, Topical show from Dublin, hosted by Gay Burne 6.00 Roseanne: Canoga Time. Wisecracking Roseanne (Roseanne Barr) and her husband Dan (John

Goodman) are unable to decide which of

Their chancilled possessions should be donated to a jumple sale (r) 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. He is joined by the singer Lisa Stansfield 7.00 Channal 4 News with Jon Snow 7.50 Comment, followed by Weather



Tracker: Stefan Niculescu-Majer (9.00pm) 9.00 And the Walls Came Tumbling Down: The Power of the Word.

 CHOICE. A hrat-clasa senes about post-communist sestem Europa concludes with a report from Romania on the difficulty of establishing freedom of expression in a country

that has hardly known it. Stefan Niculescu-Maier is a journalist who was sent to prison and then sentenced producing a pampulal critical of President Ceauseacu. Freed after the December revolution, he tracks down his former persecutors. One is now his friend, another is unapol a third denies all knowledge. Niculescu-Maiar's theme is that despite the toppling of Cesusescu, nothing much has changed. Many of the Ceausescu stooges still hold positions of power and the new covernment is almost as intolerant of opposition as the old. Niculescu-Maler's paper, which offers robust criticism of the authorities, is being starved of newspann and its circulation has dropped by one-third (Teletext) 10 00 Film: Suddenly Last Summer (1959, b/w) Tennesses Wilhams's one-sch play, fattened out for the cinema by Gore Victal. Catherine Holly (Elizabeth Taylor), traumatised by the tragic and mystenous death of her cousin, is committed to a mental institution by her aunt (Katharina Hapburn) whate ahe is attended by brain surgeon Montgomery Clift. Part-thriller, part-

Williams excursion into the unedylying, it is told partly in flashback and directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz. 12.06am Film: Our Short Life (1981). Art Essi German student of architecture (Simone Frost) takes leave of her university studies to work in the field. where her ideas for a new housing complex are mail with residence. dramatic account of a women's

horror film, but mainly a typical

struggie for equality in a man's world. Directed by Lother Warnecke, (in German with English subtitles). Ends

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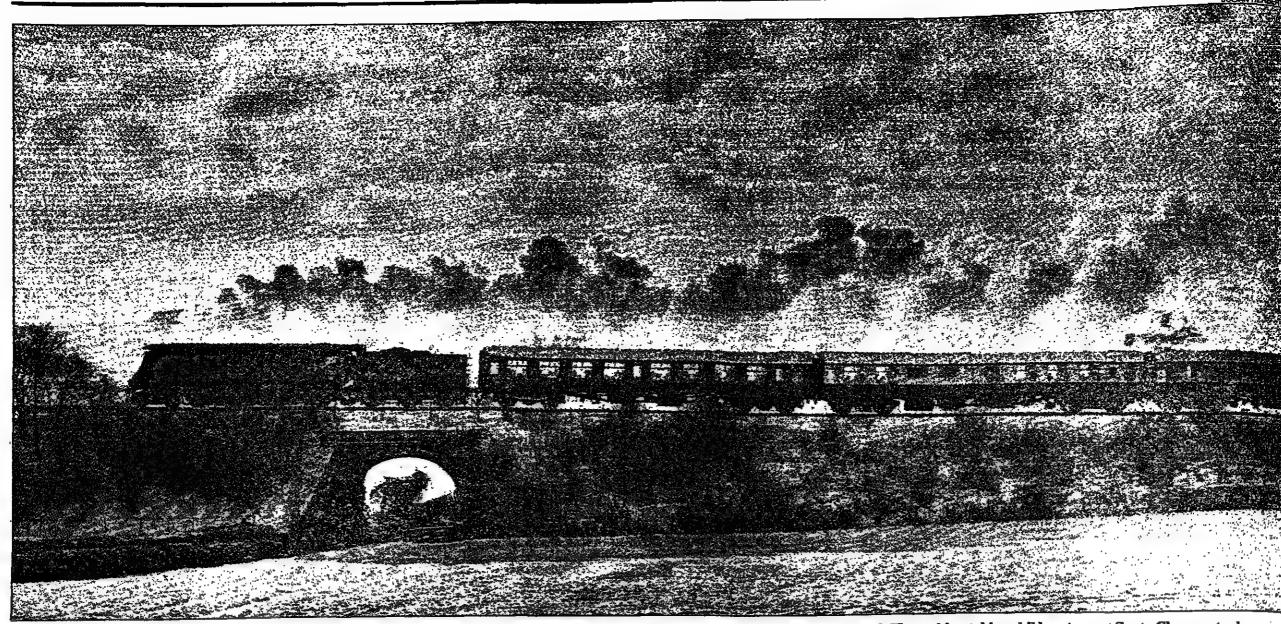
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Christmas express: the West Country class locomotive Swanage steaming along the Watercress line between Ropley and New Alresford, Hampshire, taking children to meet Santa Claus yesterday

# Blow for Labour as MP Field refuses new selection contest

THE Labour leadership was facing renewed embarrassment last night over the Frank Field affair after the Birkenhead MP told Neil Kinnock that he would not take part in a new reselection contest provisionally set to end in March. Members of the shadow cabinet

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were understood to be furious that local officials had been allowed to set a date before the national executive committee programme to reform the Birkenhead party had been implemented.

The leadership, however, clearly irritated by Mr Field's public threat and the appearance that he was again holding a gun to its head, said that it was for the NEC and no one else to decide when the contest should be rerun. Mr Field knew that as well as anybody, a party official said last night. The will be raised on December

Mr Field told Mr Kinnock of his intentions in a letter on Friday after a meeting of the party executive and Peter Kilfoyle, the north-west regional organiser, on Thursday agreed in principle to a timetable beginning later this month and ending in March. Mr Field had warned Mr Kinnock's office about the meeting in the expectation that he would

Supporters of Mr Field were alleging there was a conspiracy against him in the North-West and believe it understandable that he reacted as he did. Members of the shadow cabinet say that the failure to prevent Thursday's meeting could result in the spectre of Militant extremism being revived and Labour losing one of its most respected backbenchers just as it is trying to wrest the political initia-



tive from the government. They are pinning their hopes on the December 19 meeting overturning the timetable.

Mr Field wrote to Mr Kinnock telling him that he would not stand in the rescheduled contest. The letter is strongly critical of Mr Kilfoyle, whom Mr Field believes to be sympathetic to Paul Davies, the left-wing Transport and General Workers' Union official who beat Mr Field in the reselection contest a year ago. Mr Kilfoyle, who has recently been chosen as Labour's prospective candidate for Liverpool Walton, is also backed by the TGWU.

The long NEC enquiry into the vote resulted in a decision to rerun the contest, but Mr Davies was cleared of any breach of party rules and allowed to stand again. The enquiry resulted in proposals to

In his letter to Mr Kinnock. however, Mr Field said that almost none of the reforms had been carried out. He said: "A pledge to supervise the drawing up of the local government panel has been ignored totally, with the result that even more hard-left and Trotskyite candidates will be

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Humard

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elected to Wirral council next

The agreement to expel known Militants had not taken place and named sympathisers had flouted the NEC decision to suspend their membership. Mr Field said that Mr Kilfoyle had informed the party that suspended members would be eligible to vote in the reselection. Mr Field said the final straw was the circulation of a dossier by officials of the local party which made vindictive attacks on members who had resnonded to the NEC's request for evidence.

He ended his letter: "Over the past year, the national party has had the chance to get to grips with what is happening in the Wirral. Loyal party members have given all the support they can, yet while this has been going on, they and I face of Labourism behind which the hard left has gained an even greater hold on events in Birkenhead and the surrounding areas, I am not prepared to continue to act in this way, or to enter a reselection contest before all the NEC recommendations have been carried out in full."

WEATHER

#### Be positive on Europe, Howe urges

Continued from page 1 emphasise Britain's determin-

ation to play a constructive role. The Conservative right will be closely monitoring Mr Major's performance at the summit for any sign of what they would regard as a weakening of Mrs Thatcher's past stance. In a letter to The Times today Nicholas Ridley and Lord Joseph blame the commu-nity for the breakdown of last week's Gatt negotiations. They say that Mrs Thatcher warned her European colleagues of the danger at the last summit but they refused to discuss the matter, preferring to talk about monetary union. "She was isolated but she was right. It is the eleven who are isolated now.

Sir Geoffrey, in the Channel 4 programme Answering Back, said that Britain had put forward proposals for the second stage of Delors but they were lacking in credibility "because of the extent to which it looked like we did not

"I think it will be important to convince our community partners that our firm, essential commitment to key British positions is iust as firm as it was - but important also to convince them that we are genuinely seeking in good faith for conclusions on which we can all agree."

Eastern and south-eastern

England will be wintry and

## More bad weather bound for Britain

Continued from page 1 ous damage to electricity supplies. About 200,000 customers in Yorkshire and Humberside were without supplies, and police declared a state of emergency in north Not-tinghamshire after thousands of homes were left without electricity for more than 27 hours from Saturday morning onwards.

Shops and supermarkets were forced to close when electronic tills linked to central computers went down, and water authorities could not be contacted because thousands of people blocked lines as they telephoned for advice. Tens of thousands of homes in

the northeast were blacked-out when lines were blown down, while more than 70,000 homes in Worcestershire were without power. A Northern Electricity spokesman said the appalling weather conditions forced them to call back its emergency repair teams, which meant tens of thousands of homes remain blacked and Sunday. Power supplies to homes in Leicestershire and

Oxfordshire were also hit. East Midlands Electricity said that more than 500,000 people in its area were still without power and although areas were being reconnected by the hour, but tens of thousands of people would be

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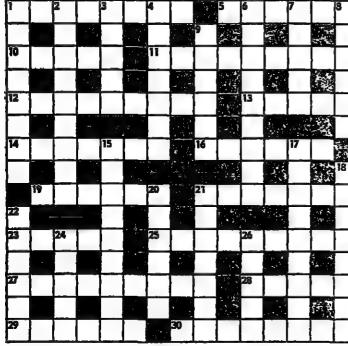
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regions had supplies restored. They had been unable to get out to many broken power cables spotted from the air by helicopters. They had managed to get one pumping station back into Severn Trent service during the day with a mobile generator. Up to 4,000 people in Co Durham were still without water supplies yesterday 24 hours after their taps ran

dry because of power failures. Police in four-wheel drive vehicles and mountain rescue teams helped drivers stranded on the A66 trans-Pennine road in Co Durham, In Birmingham the National Exhibition Centre and the city hall became temporary hotels overnight for stranded motorists. who slept on benches and tables and used tablecloths from the NEC restaurants as blankets to keep warm. In Gloucestershire more than 200 motorists took Cirencester.

Police said Shropshire was 'virtually sealed off by road" on Saturday night and Eveshoon, Worcestershire, was cut off by 13-hour blizzard. In north Oxfordshire, Banbury was cut off by deep

#### THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,473



#### **ACROSS**

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- 10 Move back if pitch is dubious 11 "Divine truth," the nightingale sang (9).
- 12 Lionesses can be very quiet (9). 13 Determined to return the money 14 Outstanding little gem in entire
- shop (7). 16 Issue trap and lines (6).
- 19 Popular action, certainly (6). 21 Showing uncommon respect for
- the royal staff (7). 23 Quite impervious and decidedly
- 25 Expression of displeasure or

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# BUSINESS

**Executive Editor David Brewerton** 

**MONDAY DECEMBER 10 1990** 

# shake-up at BTR

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ALAN JACKSON, the Australian who takes over as chief executive of BTR in three weeks, plans a substantial spring-cleaning operation that could see wide-ranging disposals and a return to the acquisition trail.

He is instigating a review at BTR, Britain's ninth largest quoted company by turnover and a conglomerate that makes a huge range of industrial products, in conjunction with the chairman, Sir Owen

Neither was available yesterday for comment on the potential restructuring. Sir Owen indicated last week that he was keen to reduce the diversity of BTR's operations, while Mr Jackson has said that there are surplus businesses that could be sold to generate more cash for further

weekend.

were at the group's West End

Signs of trouble at the com-

pany, which made its name

and fortune selling pensions

and insurance schemes to

celebrities and large corpora-

tions, emerged during a rou-tine audit by Fimbra two months ago. Compliance offi-

It appeared that the cash,

thought to total £21 million,

had been paid in by Mr Levitt.

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BTR's acquisition record has not been impressive of late. It lost a 1987 bid for Pilkington, the glassmaker, while an approach for Norton, the American abrasives manufacturer, was trumped by another glass company, Saint-Gobain of France.
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#### MCA rejects **Yosemite** donation plea

cers found large sums of mon-ey had been paid into accounts EXECUTIVES of the filmmaker MCA, due to share almost £300 million in fees from the \$6.6 billion takeover by Maisushita, the Japanese electronics giant, have rejected an American government request to donate its Yosemite National Park concessions to the nation.

A letter to Lew Wasserman MCA chairman, from Manuel Lujan, the interior secretary, requested that he donate the hotels and hamburger busi-nesses, valued at about \$150 authorities before the buyout by the Japanese was

But the plea was turned down by MCA, which said the park concessions formed part of the deal with Matsushita. But in what is seen as a move to head off any backlash against the Japanese, MCA

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has agreed to donate profits from the food and lodging operations to the National Park Foundation until a new buyer for them is found.

#### VW wins bid for Skoda

VOLKSWAGEN last night emerged as the winner in the takeover battle for Skods, the Czechoslovakian car company. The long-awaited decision, taken by the national government last night, disappointed Renault which also made an offer.

Volkswagen aims to take a majority stake in eastern Europe's most established car company and is offering to invest DM8 billion. Renault promised Fr13 billion, just over half as much.

Petr Pithart, the Czech prime minister, said last night: "The government is preparing the contract with the German automobile firm."

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CHANGE ON WEEK

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# New chief to head Administrators at Levitt after Fimbra enquiry

A BREACH of capital account for the group's 18,000 accounts of Polly Peck and adequacy requirements clients. Two weeks ago, at led to the appointment of Fimbra's insistence, Mr Levitt was asked to step down as a administrators at the director of the Levitt Group, Levitt Group, one of the core financial services Britain's largest financial operation, which is a Fimbra services companies, at the member. He remains chairman of Levitt Group Hold-Financial regulators have

ings, the parent company. been investigating the affairs Fimbra's role in the enquiry of the company and Roger had been kept secret in an Levitt, the chairman, for at least two months, it has effort to prevent panic among clients, whom it was feared emerged. Administrators were would rush to withdraw funds. appointed late on Friday, after Sebastian Coe was one of a

handful of celebrities who acted as "consultants" to inthe group missed the deadline for filing its audited accounts. Officials of Fimbra, the Financial Intermediaries, troduce business to the group until he resigned last month. Managers and Brokers Regu-After Mr Levitt stepped latory Association, and memdown, the new directors, bers of KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the administrator,

including Frederick Tucker, Levitt's former number two, set about seeking additional funds to meet Fimbra's capital adequacy requirements. They failed in their task and a decision was taken to call the administrators in. Fimbra is expected to make

statement on the affair today. It is continuing its investigations, but client money is not thought to be at

However, the picture is believed to be confused by book-keeping techniques, which have made it difficult to distinguish Mr Levitt's own funds from those of the group. Stoy Hayward, the firm's



Astra Holdings, was unavailable for comment yesterday. Mr Levitt was at his office in Great Portland Street, central London, but said: "I'm not making any comment."

The news will come as a shock to Levitt's core institu tional investors, including Legal & General, General Accident, and Commercial Union. In the past year they each paid £5 million to £7 million for stakes of 4.9 per cent in the holding company.

Mr Levitt began courting the institutions in earnest this year after buying back a 33 per cent stake in his company from LIT, the Chicago financial services group. He paid £15.5 million for the stake and almost immediately began selling it off in "strategic" 4.9 per cent blocks.

L&G set the ball rolling when it paid £5 million for one such stake, The deal had strategic advantages, since the Levitt Group was one of L&G's largest providers of panies had also teamed up on a venture to supply commercial mortgages.

Chase Manhattan paid £5

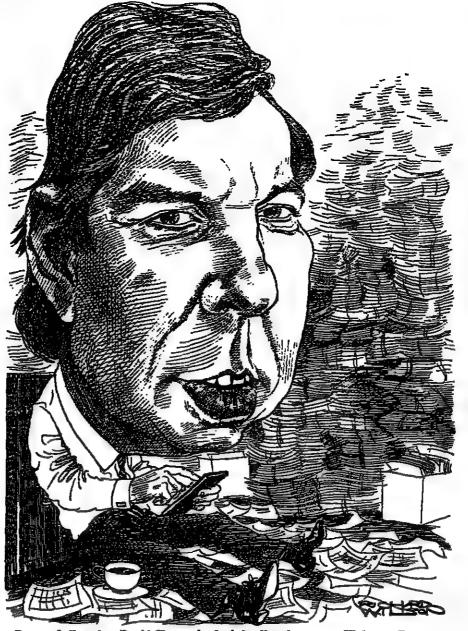
milhon for an identical stake, followed in June by General Accident which paid £7.3 million. Commercial Union also paid £7.3 million. The latter deals valued the company at £150 million.

Set up in 1976, the Levitt Group took 12 years to become a well-known name in the élite world of financial services. It became known as a provider of executive pension plans and branched out to offer a one-stop package of employee benefits. This year, it focused on the needs of senior company directors, offering them a way round the pensionable carnings at an indexed base of £60,000.

The group relied on a core of about 50 salesmen and women, many of whom had made their names at rival

Mr Levitt had also initiated several joint ventures with companies in Continental Europe, including a lucrative venture in the Netherlands, and was pressing on with plans to expand in America and move into the Far East.

Flemboyant rise, page 25



Power of allocation: David Clementi, who is leading the team at Kleinwort Ben-

### Pirelli set to ask investors to back Continental coup

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business correspondent

nental, its German rival, is bid battle. likely to end shortly. Pirelli is The mee about to call a shareholders' overthrow the 5 per cent meeting at Continental in voting restriction. Pirelli, alorder to force a takeover of the

management, led by Horst Urban, chief executive. But it has become clear that Herr Urban is opposed to a deal.

The companies' financial advisers, Morgan Grenfell, etting for Continental, and Merrill Lynch, for Pirelli. are producing a valuation of both concerns, but this is seen by Pirelli as a ploy to continue the stalemate.

Pirelli claims more than 51 per cent of Continental shareholders support the

sugar industry. The industry,

although highly profitable

throughout Europe, depends

for its profits on Europe's

much-reviled common agri-

culture policy, which the

European Community was

urged to modify during the ill-

between Pirelli, the Italian for fear of pushing Contityre company, and Continental into an openly hostile The meeting is necessary to

> though prepared to negotiate Pirelli's rejuctance to agree

to a joint-venture company comes after its disastrous alliance with Dunlop in the Seventies. Because the two companies were unable to operate joint manufacturing operations, they failed to benefit from economies of scale, which, for Pirelli, is the main reason for its bid for Continental.

to streamline its own management with Continental three merger plans, but the Italians years after the bid. This would nental are un have so far refused to call an include reorganisation of fac-

THE truce in the bid battle extraordinary general meeting tories and possible job losses if the slowdown in the tyre industries continues, as is widely expected.

Pirelli is upset over a pledge made by Herr Urban that there will be no redundancies if Continental stays indepen-German group. the deal terms, is not willing to dent. His promise is widely Pirelli, which launched its yield on the principal stocking seen as an attempt to placate dent. His promise is widely bid in September, has relied point its insistence in taking a the workforce, whose reprethe seats on the supervisory board,

It is also understood that after a merger, Pirelli will want to challenge Michelin's dominant position in the tyre market for commercial vehicles and trucks. In Europe Michelin has a 50 per cent market share and substantially higher margins. The world tyre markets for com-The Italian company wants mercial and private vehicles are about the same size, although Pirelli and Continental are under-represented

# **Power** sell-off attracts

By MARTIN WALLER

THE advisers to the power industry flotation will today announce that most of the 5.7 million people who have applied for shares in the electricity distributors' float will have their applications heavily scaled down.

A large number will not receive any shares at all, so popular has been the £5.2 billion privatisation. In all 12 areas, customers applying for the minimum 100 shares will be satisfied in full.

But in one of the 12, SEEBOARD, non-customers applying for the bare mini-mum will be scaled down to 90. Any applying for more will get nothing, as will customers looking for more than 1,000.

Last night the exact allocations were being worked out. The float, masterminded by a team at Kleinwort Benson led by David Clementi, the director, has now been formally deciared the most popular

A total of 12.75 million applications have been received, and on a fully paid basis £17 billion has been put up by members of the public towards shares worth £2,8 billion.

Before the various clawback provisions were triggered and shares redirected from the times subscribed. This compares with about 10 times on the part of the smaller British Telecom and Rolls-Royce privatisations. The basis of allocation is

being worked out to favour the customer and the smaller investor. In total, 10 2 million applications were for 500 shares or less, and about a quarter of customers will receive all they have applied for. while just 3 per cent will get no allocation at all.
The least popular, in terms

of subscription, were London and Southern, both about 7.2 times subscribed. At the other end of the scale is South Wales, almost 15 times sub-

The difference is almost enturely because of the differing size of the companies, claim the float's advisers. The actual number of applications received for all 12 is not that varied, ranging from 1.25 million for Eastern, the largest, to 870,000 for South West.

The effect of the scale-back is at its most pronounced in five of the 12 areas, South Wales, Manweb, Northern, SEEBOARD and South West, where non-customers wanting more than 200 shares will get

# More Berisford sales to follow Sugar

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

BERISFORD International, the commodities trading and property group, will continue its programme of asset disposals, after selling British Sugar, Europe's third largest ugar refiner, to Associated British Foods, the bakery

The deal, worth about £880 million, follows an auction conducted by Schroders, the merchant bank. Proceeds will virtually halve Benisford's debt and leave shareholders' funds at about £350 million. Under the agreement, ABF

ing on £217 million of debt rationalise the remaining busi-and providing its current nesses." The other interests of With the acquisition of British Tortuous path to close the deal

£478 million for British Sugar,

Hillsdown Holdings bids £486

Ferruzzi bids £425 million for

70 per cent of British Sugar,

£282 million

also thrown out.

Of the remaining businesses, he said they were a "heterogeneous collection of will pay £583 million to assets but substantial busiBerisford, in addition to taknesses. The next job is to amounce the preliminary re-

1982: Berisford buys British cent stake to the Pritzker non-executive directors, pro-

Sugar from government for family and directors. Asso- posed Tate & Lyle bid referred

1990: March: Ephraim Mar-

1987: Tate & Lyle sells 15 per Egan and Brian Smith join as Berisford sales continue.

working capital requirements.

John Sciater, who became
chairman of Berisford in

March after the resignation of

Ephraim Margulies, has

pledged to continue a pro-

gramme of asset sales to the benefit of the company's

shareholders, the largest being

to sort out the remaining

ragbag," he said. "We can now

deal at prices we like rather

than the ones that were forced

We are in a better position

ABF itself.

1986: Ferruzzi approaches million for Berisford. Bid

Berisford. Tate & Lyle bids dropped after crash.

the company, believed to be Sugar, ABF has taken the worth about £400 million, decision to take responsibility include property in New York for the entire British beet and Britain, agricultural busi-nesses, including cocoa and food ingredients, and financial It is believed the new-look Berisford will build a com-

pany around other agricultural interests. The financial services side of the business will be first to go, while properties will be sold when property markets pick up. Mr Sclater will remain chairman of the company.

Peter Jacobs, chief executive, will also remain.

decides not to bid for Ber-

its assets after £144.5 million

fated Gatt talks. Beet sugar is more expensive than cane sugar. In Europe, prices are held artificially high, while producers outside the Community occasionally dump surplus produce at prices below cost. However, even in the absence of subsidies, cane sugar would still have a significant price

The production of cane rogar is a crucial industry in many developing countries, particularly in the West Indies, which at present has an agreement with the European ciated British Foods bids £767 to MMC. July: Tate & Lyle Community to export 1.3 million tonnes of cane sugar isford, which invites offers for per annum, refined in Portugal and Britain by Tate &

advantage over beet sugar.

gulies resigns as chairman, interim loss and no dividend. million, both referred to John Sciater takes over. July: ABF considers Berisford With criticisms over the MMC and blocked by DTI. Berisford asks Tate & Lyle to bid. September: Tate & Lyle common agricultural policy increasing throughout Europe consider rescue bid. April: re-enters race for Berisford. Tate & Lyle seeks OFT opin- December: ABF bids £880 the beet industry is likely to ion on bid. May: Sir John million for British Sugar. come under some squeeze

# The facts on foreign currency mortgages.

Or how to get from "ERM" to "AHA!"

Foreign currency mortgages have attracted more than a little attention since ERM entry.

But the debate has generated as much heat as light. Are the potential savings worth the risks? Should you think of them as a way to lower your repayments, or to cut your borrowings? Most important of all, who should - and who shouldn't - consider them?

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#### ower inflation points to rate cut union, which could unsettle the foreign a modest 0.2 per cent, after tumbling 1.1 By COLIN NARBROUGH

ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE retail price index this week will show headline inflation dropping sharply, possibly providing the government

with a fresh chance to cut base rates. Market forecasts centre on inflation falling into single figures last month, mainly reflecting the impact of mortgage rate changes this year and last, to an annual 9.7 per cent, after two months

stuck at its 10.9 per cent peak. The RPI will be released on Friday as European Community leaders meet in Dome have heer commended and and

exchange market,

Though falling inflation in Britain will be good news for Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, other indicators of core inflation offer a less positive picture.

Apart from the RPI, the welter of economic statistics this week is expected to confirm that the economy continues to slow while underlying inflation persists. Producer price data today are expected to show output prices rising at an annual 5.8 per cent last month, unchanged from October, while input prices fall, reflecting the drop in oil prices. THE PERSON OF PREPERTY

per cent in October. The City will be watching closely for any confirmation of the picture in the latest consumer credit figures of a surge in borrowing.

Labour market data are experted to show average earnings growing at an unchanged 10.25 per cent, while unemployment rose by about 32,000 last month. New invisibles estimates could bring a sharp improvement in the thirdquarter current account deficit, after a £5.1 billion second-quarter deficit.

October industrial output data on I he sterling equivalent of your liability under a foreign currency mortage.

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# Midland merger in doubt as Hongkong Bank decides

HONGKONG and Shanghai Banking Corporation will this it meet to consider the state of its link-up with clearer, ainid strong signs that the three-year will not end in a full merger.

mpt an approach for Midand, which has 4.5 million fersonal account-holders. n elsewhere, perhaps from Continent. Another Britsh bank might run into philopolics problems, alin several are believed to be interested; a non-European

London to

from 1992

By Ross TIEMAN

INITIAL benefits to London

study by the London Chamber

The chamber believes that the

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1992. That is set against an expansion for the UK as a

of a percentage point behind

pean Community countries. The expansion will be spread

The biggest initial benefit is be to the manufacturing

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scipond with vigorous capenasion. It has the benefits of a

therens a large base of skilled people from which to draw, well-developed support struc-

hires and office space to

Community as a result of the

removal of barriers than they

will have to concede to competitors from the main-

The report comes down firmly in favour of a single currency for Europe. "In-

dividual currencies are regarded as the ultimate nontariff barrier to trade," it says.

"Only by their substitution for a single European currency will business derive the full

benefits from the 1992

**Profits on** 

Wall Street

dive 98%

From PHILIP ROBINSON

IN NEW YORK

MORE gloom has emerged from Wall Street as the New York Stock Exchange dis-

closed that profits from its

member firms had dropped 98

Analysis say the figures are likely to signal more job cuts for investment banks, which

have already shed more than

Fewer fee-generating take-

60,000 in the past three years

over deals and thin share-

trading volume gave the

member firms a profit of just \$22 million for the first nine

months of this year, against a

profit of \$1.28 billion in 1989.

end of September, firms made a net loss of \$124 million

compared with a \$467 million

Revenue dropped for the

nine months by 13.4 per cent

to \$13.09 billion, but firms'

expenses were shaved by only

7.8 per cent to \$13.28 billion.

ket, joined other investmen

bankers on Friday in the

second wave of job cuts.

About 40 of its investment

bankers are to go. Salomon

Brothers is to dismiss about 20

people, 5 per cent of its

Kidder Peabody, the bro-

profit a year ago.

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Midland reported poor firsthalf figures, Hongkong sources were still indicating

But it appears that both banks Mahon, the Midlands chairhave accepted this is impossible in today's trading environment, and a formal announcement could come by the end of the year.

On December 22, a standblocked Hongkong and Shanghai from increasing its stake in Midland beyond 14.9 per cent comes to an end. It is unlikely to be renewed, but this does not presage any share purchases in the future by the Far by a portfolio of high-risk

A Midland spokesman refused to comment on reports that the marriage had been called off. "We've got nothing to add to the statement made statement, by Sir Kit Mc-

man, and William Purves, his Hongkong counterpart, talked of the two "working closely together" in an "ongoing

It appears that Hongkong agreement that has rather than the Midland, has gone cool on that relationship and that the British bank whose board meets this Friday to consider the matter, is still keen for a consummation. Midland has been crippled

debts it has taken on, which have soured as recession has tightened, while Hongkong and Shanghai has its own uncertain future, given the impending hand-over of the

and a deficit of shareholders' funds of Aus\$1.3 billion. ceeds from Bond Corp asset sales over the past 15 months totalled Aus\$4.6 billion. Arthur Andersen said the

**Doubts** 

over Bond

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concern<sup>2</sup>

From Reuter in Perth

BOND Corporation Holdings

annual accounts show a deficit

of Aus\$1.3 billion (£520 mil-

lion) and the company's audi-

tor said there was "significant

uncertainty" that the group

could continue as a going

The annual report of Bond

Corp, the once asset-rich flag-

ship of Alan Bond who re-

signed as chairman in Septem-

her, said total borrowings and

convertible debt stood at

Aus\$3.9 billion at October 5,

1990, down from Aus\$8.23

A report by Arthur Ander

sen, the auditor, said Bond

Aus\$2.68 billion of current

liabilities over current assets

had an excess of

billion at June 30, 1989.

company still had to receive approval from the courts or from creditors for its proposed debt-for-equity plan with European bondholders.

In our opinion, as a result of the uncertainties on the timing and completion of the scheme and the carrying value of substantial BCH Group assets, there is significant un-certainty that BCH and the BCH Group will be able to continue as a going concern," the heavily qualified Andersen report said.

Peter Lucas, Bond Corp chairman, said in the report that if the company was itors would receive no more than one cent in the dollar, "in that situation shareholders would receive nothing."

Arthur Andersen said Dall-

hold investments, Mr Bond's private company, owed certain Bond Corp subsidiaries a total of Aus\$102.9 million.

reported a Aus\$2.25 billion loss for the year to end-June, the biggest in Australian corporate history. Results with the annual report show the loss at Aus\$1.07 billion, or a loss of 370 87 cents a share, for the 15 months to October 5. There is no dividend against a total of eight cents last year.

**GILT-EDGED** 

# Bond outlook brighter across the Channel

The gilt market is now a European bond market. It is as firmly connected to continental Europe as Britain is after the Channel tunnel breakthrough. The decision in October to take sterling into the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System may have more farreaching consequences than anyone realised at the time.

The very short end, for example, is caught in a "Catch-22" over base rates. Sterling is weak because everyone expects base rates to fall, and hase rates cannot because sterling is weak in the ERM. For a French or German trader this is familiar territory, but British players are learning new ways.

Old, familiar thought processes need to be discarded in favour of newer and broader ones. As regards the economic background, it is no longer Britain's prospects alone that matter, but rather other EMS economies.

If present forecasts are discounted, the crucial point is where the most significant revisions are likely to be in projections for all European economies. For our part, we think consensus GNP forecasts for France, Italy and possibly even Germany look set for downward revision while that for Britain may be about right. The second mind-change

relates to inflation. Since 1979, Britain's government inflation is its top priority and yet inflation remains undefeated. The EMS may do the job, but it could take years, not mouths. The necessary condition is a seschange in labour market attitudes. The first big test will be the wage negotiations in January and April. It would be little short of miraculous if industry and unions were to change long-established traditions within such a short time.

SPREADS OVER BUNDS/REAL YIELDS

and Italy are not encourag-ing. Both countries joined the ERM in 1979 but saw their inflation performance over the next three or four years. France was forced to devalue by 11 per cent between October 1981 and March 1983. Italy could not achieve a major reform of its Scala Mobile wage indexation system until 1985.

Turning to the market, sterling's ERM membershin should mean a wholesale change in the overseas investor motivation (and probably a change in behaviour by British institutions, although many already have large holdings of foreign bonds). Overseas investors hold about 15 per cent of outstanding gilts.

Some investors found the British market attractive specifically because it was not part of the EMS block and therefore offered currency volatility.

n the JP Morgan index, gilts have been the best performer in dollar terms this year with an impressive 32.3 per cent return, but have returned only a modest 10.2 per cent

in domenic terms. Now the

British market will appeal more to those (especially European-based) fund managers who wish to avoid currency volatility.

These new gilt investors are likely to have completely different investment criteria. The most important factor will be relative value in terms of the yield spread over bunds. Just as the Bundesbank is the monetary policy anchor of the EMS, so ounds must be the benchnest for the bond markets

Another important, but perhaps secondary, factor may be the real yield offered by different markets. On expensive (see table). The gift-bund spread, although relatively high compared with other markets, is at its lowest point since 1984 and British real yields are the lowest in the EMS.

There may be justifications for this position: first, a mature and liquid market; secondly, the existence of longer maturities for those who wish to leverage their bond portfolio; and, thirdly, a very favainst other European markets (even if the trend is

Equally, if sterling is weak within the EMS (and investors do not expect a realignment) and there is enough yield pick-up, then gilts could attract a strong capital rate not only to short rates but also to bond yields. However, if such a flow were likely, then it should have

To conclude, we are very positive on the outlook for European bond markets next vear. We are not convinced that British gilts will be the

DICK HOWARD

#### Hard task for Lloyd's chief benefit last



Funding reinstrance challenge: David Coloridge, LLoyd's new chairman

RARELY can so glittering a raising its capacity much be-chalice, yet so brimming with yound the current £11 billion. greater opportunities that poison, have been offered as eventually outpace the of Britain in taking the chairmanship of Lloyd's that will be taken over by David Coleridge on January The chamber's study singles (Jonathan Prynn writes).

Confidence in the market among the names, its capital providers, has reached a low. with net resignations in 1990 likely to reach 2,000. This trend in part reflects

the normal pattern of shrinking capacity at a time of market losses. And losses there are certain to be, after the unprecedented succession of disasters in 1989 and 1990.

London must have the necestaly infrastructure to sus-These will leave the market tain the growth. The report surveys the most probable impact upon more than 200 facing an estimated £8 billion of claims. But the resignation problem this time has been es, which employ greatly exacerbated by the fear 230,000 people in both services and manufacturing. engendered by the open year issue, which has brought The implications are, it home to many names the says, "that London firms will truth of unlimited liability - it guin greater access to other means what it says. markets in the European

While the open year problem remains, Lloyd's looks incapable of attracting large amounts of fresh capital and

Lloyd's has now taken its first step towards tackling the problem with the decision to set up a reinsurance vehicle to quote prices for closing open

Establishing and setting in motion the new vehicle will be one of Mr Coleridge's greatest welcomed, the announcement leaves a number of questions. Critics claim it will be unable to attract the capital it needs to operate effectively.

The open year problem is also a big factor in the wave of litigation being brought or threatened by names against various market perticipants. Probably the most serious is the action for negligence brought by the Outhwaite names association against the Outhwaite underwriting agency and 81 members' agents. Mr Coleridge has described a possible successful action as

"a terrible precedent". The case tunges on whether member agents are hable for

managing agents. This point is also central to the case being brought by Warrilow names. A preliminary hearing on

the issue of responsibility of member agents, due to take postponed and is not likely to resurface before January 1992. While these cases hang over names' unlimited liability must remain in doubt. But perhaps the most seri-

ous problem of all facing Mr Coleridge and the market is how Lloyd's will cope with the huge catastrophe-related and other losses expected in the next three years. Unlike the composites, Lloyd's does not have huse liquid assets for use in times of hardship. In contrast, a big proportion of the assets backing Lloyd's are in the form of bank guarantees. The challenge facing the

market is to prove that its famous boast of being able to meet any legitimate claim is as valid today as at any time in

MOST businesses have not any real impact and the re- concept has offered very few profitability. The report, how-

'turns down pay

profit-related pay scheme, despite significant tax and other concessions, reports a new study of the initiative, which aims to relate individuals' pay to company profits.

Nigel Lawson, the former Chancellor, was a particular advocate of profit-related pay (PRP), Since the scheme was introduced three years ago, the government has promoted it widely. Tax concessions have been increased and a number of rules governing its operation have been scrapped.

But a study published today by Incomes Data Service, a pay research company, says the scheme has failed to make

The spread of PRP has been limited, growing slowly and covering fewer than 230,000 employees, according to figures derived from the Inland Revenue. Most of the schemes are on a small scale, with the average number of affected employees numbering fewer than 200 per individual company scheme.

No very large companies have taken part. John Lewis, the retailer, is the largest, with 32,000 employees. Nationwide Anglia, the second-largest with 11,000 staff covered, is reviewing its participation. The review suggests that the

many schemes have merely been converted from companies' existing profit-sharing arrangements. One manager is quoted as saying: "Someone offered us a tax incentive to carry on doing what we were doing - so we took it"

Contrary to government hopes, PRP has not had any dramatic effects on wage

flexibility. Ministers claimed the concept would increase the link between employees' pay and corporate performance by replacing a significant part of employees' besic pay with a profit-related element, which

area has been minimal, partly because so few companies have adopted PRP and partly because, where it has been brought in, it has been paid as a bonus, rather than as an integral part of pay or as a replacement for annual pay The study says of most of

the companies examined that PRP has made no real difference to them. The main benefit they identify is the tax concession which PRP gives to their employees".

Profit-Related Pay. IDS Study 471. IDS, 193 St John St. London ECIV 4LS. By would fluctuate directly with subscription,

**CAPITAL MARKETS** 

# S&N profits expected to hit £118m

REPORTING THIS WEEK

headed by Alick Rankin.

Interim pre-tax profits are expected to advance to £118 million, against £87.4 million last time, according to Geof Collyer at County NatWest WoodMac. This is at the top end of market forecasts, which range from £108 million to

profits will be a substantial reduction in interest paydrop from £24 million to £5 million, after the sale of Thistle Hotels to Mount Strong growth is expected

The main boost to pre-tax

from Center Parcs, the group's holiday village operator, while Pontin's should have benefited from improved occupancy levels, although trading would have been tougher with less money being spent in the latter part of the

TODAY

interims: Associated British Engnaering. Brish Land, Cray Electronics Holdings. Craighton's Naturally, Hairins. Hamilton Oil (third quarter), Hoskins Brewery. Maring Industries, Ontiame International SA, Robertson Group, Scottish & Newcastle Breweries. Seton Healthcare Group, Whitecroft. Finate: Ausprung Furniture Group, Aircours, Cronde, Perpetual, TMD Adversaling Holorops. Economic statustics: Food facts (truid quarter), producer price index

A SOLID first-half perfor- International, the defence and mance is expected to be electronics group, on its reported by Scottish & rationalisation as well as cur-Newcastle Breweries, the rent trading, the order book brewing and leisure group and cash balances. The market expects interim pre-tax losses to range from £5 million to £20 million, against last time's loss of £15.4 million. Further news is also awaited

on the disputed completion price for Ferranti Defence Systems, which was acquired by GEC in January for £270 million. GEC is believed to have valued the businesses at about £220 million. Final pre-tax profits at the

Granada leisure and communications group are expected to slide from £164 million to £119 million, according to Jane Anscombe at Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Market forecasts range from £118 million to £123 million.

UB\$ Phillips & Drew expecis final pre-tax profits at Vaux Group, the beer-to-hotels company, to rise from £31.5 million to £35.5 million. Market forecasts range from £34.5 million to £37 million.

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WEDNESDAY Further news is awaited from Sir Ernest Harrison, the chairman of Racal Electronics, on his recent announcement of year pre-tax profits from plans to demerge Racal's in-ferests in Racal Telecom, the f75.2 million to £105 million. plans to demerge Racal's in-



buyout for the rest of the company.

News is also expected on Vodatone's market share, which is thought to have slipped to 55 per cent, compared with Celinet. Subscription rates are believed to be

Bobby Phillips at County Nat West is looking for interim pre-tax profits of £100 million from Racal Electronics (£82.4) million last time). Market forecasts range from £95 milhon to £100 million. Mr Phillips expects halfprofits at Carlton Com ications, the film and television services group, to climb from £112 million to £135 Forecasts range from £128

million to £140 million. However, acquisitions are likely to dilute carnings, with earnings per share expected to fall to 45.7p (53.2p). The balance sheet should be strong with about £100 million in cash. Analysis expect final pre-tax profits 21 Compass Group, the independent contract catering

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THURSDAY

Greenall Whitley is expected to announce final pre-tax profits of £59.5 million, against £52 million, according to Matthew Nayler at Williams de Broë. Market Forecasts range from £59.5 million to £61.6

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#### makes future look good says survey A WEEK that saw the revival of the sterling bond market

SCP satisfaction

after a four-month effective closure was also marked by the publication of an upbeat survey into one of the less well-known sterling capital market products - sterling commercial paper.

According to the survey, "the level of investor satisfaction with sterling commercial paper (SCP) is high, which naturally bodes well for the future development of the market. The level of product satisfaction among non-investors is particularly encouraging and suggests that the economic environment may be an influential factor in the coming year." An optimistic conclusion on a market that has, until recently, been judged a failure, or only partial success at best, by many commentators.

Significantly, the survey draws on responses to a questionnaire distributed in August, a month of record outstandings and well before the Polly Peck debacle. Since then, the image of the product has changed dramatically, with the first major defaults in the market and SCP investors such as Legal & General issuing writs against Polly joint compiler of the survey.

the Polly Peck default is well coax investors into buying illustrated by one finding unrated paper.

or have bought unrated paper. Furthermore, almost half of all current investors have individual issuer limits in place for unrated paper. But times have changed and anecdotal evidence from the market post-Polly Peck suggests that willingness to invest in unrated paper has been greatly

The crucial importance of ratings is backed by another respondents considered credit agency ratings as "very important" in reaching credit decisions, compared with 48 per cent and 43 per cent for nettangible worth and financial ratios respectively. It is worth speculating which factors counted as "very important" in the decision to purchase the, unrated Polly Peck paper. Given the high profile of the company, name recognition ("very important" for 43 per cent of respondents) must have played a crucial role.

The survey concludes: "The current responses confirm that many investors do not undertake detailed credit analysis of the companies in whose paper they invest, no doubt partly for lack of resources as well as: lack of expertise. In these curcumstances, ratings and Peck. Ironically, the dealer name familiarity are relied bank involved, Midland, is upon heavily." But in 1991, even household name famil-The effect on the market of jarrity may be insufficent to

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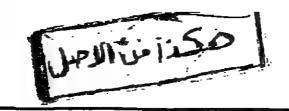
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hank goodness for Ray MacSharry. The European agricultural commissioner. backed by his stage army of French peasant thugs, finally overplayed his hand on Friday by causing the collapse of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade talks in Brussels.

As a result, the world is now faced with the choice between two kinds of economic warfare. Either there will be an international trade war with America, resulting in the worst economic depression since the Thirties, Or European politicians will have to begin an all-out attack on their own farmers. Since Europe has not entirely lost leave of its senses, it is obvious which of these two choices is the more

The timing for a concerted attack against European farmers is perfect. For the first time in decades, the threat of a genuine trade war from America is credible. The country is falling into recession, its fear of communism in Europe has vanished, its commitment to Nato is wavering and American public opinion is seething with resentment against

# Reaper nears for European farmers

feeble response to the Gulf confrontation. The temptation to make Europe a scapegoat is therefore great.

At the same time Europe is more vulnerable than ever to American protectionism. The fall of the dollar has made key European industries so uncompetitive that small additional measures might be enough to destroy such shaky projects as the Airbus and to cripple other "national champions" like Siemens in telecommunications, Philips in consumer electronics, Olivetti in computers and even Mercedes

Germany and France for their

and BMW in luxury cars. Politically, the way that agricultural spending has dominated the Community's budget is also becoming an ever more obvious obstacle to European union. The urgent need to help eastern Europe also points to opening up agricultural markets and the eventual abolition of the Common Agricultural Policy.

#### **ECONOMIC VIEW**

ANATOLE KALETSKY

Finally, and most importantly, there is the politics of farming itself. European voters are waking up to conservation, the environment and even animal rights. They are beginning to realise that large-scale intensive farmers are among the greatest despoilers of the countryside and the worst abusers of animals and nature in Europe. For decades, the Common Agricultural Policy was justified on the grounds that it would preserve rural tradition - the peasant homesteads and hedges, the homemade salamis and handmade cheeses - which Europe justifiably valued above the availability of cheap pro-cessed food. But the CAP is manifestly failing as an instrument of conservation.

Hedgerows are being flattened and ancient oaks felled to make room for prairie farms. Halftimbered barns are being replaced with prefabricated chicken factories. The reason is simple. Instead of targeting aid to traditional small farmers, the CAP boosts food prices for all and therefore distributes most of the largesse to the biggest

#### **Subsidies**

obvious alternative would be a system of direct income subsidies for small farmers, perhaps described as "husbandry" payments and linked to the conservation of nature.

Such a system would not need to restrict imports or subsidise exports and would be acceptable to America and other agricultural trading nations. Why then, is it opposed by Mr MacSharry and his peasant army?
Allegedly the reason is that

small farmers are "too proud" to accept direct government handouts, even for being "guardian of the countryside." The reality is more cynical, but equally misguided. All farmers, large and small, realise that direct CAP payments are only the tip of the iceberg of agricultural subsidies. The greatest support for farmers comes not from cash payments but from the extraordinarily high food prices sustained by Europe's import quotas. While European voters might agree to redirect CAP payments to small farmers, it is almost inconceivable that they would consciously pay high taxes on food, foregoing the immense benefits of lower prices. Thus; any attempts to open the

Common Agricultural Policy can of worms would be a disaster for large growers of cereals and other internationally traded bulk products. But this would not necessarily be true for small farmers who benefited from husbandry payments and chose to specialise in high-value niche products like organic farming or specialty cheeses.

The reason is that high food prices do not help the people who actually work on the farm. The benefits flow mainly through to land prices. The real beneficiaries of CAP are not farmers but agricultural rentiers, be they earls, pension funds or mortgage

Ironically, the peasants whom the Common Agricultural Policy is supposedly helping, can realise the benefits of agricultural protectionism only when they sell or mortgage their land. This suggests that only one "trans-itional relief" would be needed for the gradual abolition of the policy: allow small farmers who have recently taken out mortgages on artificially inflated land values to walk away from their

HANSON has prospered mightily by keeping it simple, avoiding financial fads, fashions and high tech shooting stars. Lord Hanson is rarely a trail blazer - and he would regard that as a compliment. So it is a safe bet that his clearly flagged intention to grow by acquisition next year finds its echo in other boardrooms.

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By the middle of next year, the stock market may well be driven higher by a takeover boomlet. A flurry of activity not seen since 1987 is a distinct possibility.
With £6.9 billion in the

bank, Hanson is unique in being so powerfully placed to take advantage of the cor-porate agonies that will characterise 1991. But others too have been keeping their powder dry for the moment when companies can be purchased at bargain prices.

Near the top of everyone's list must be BTR, which pulled out of a \$2 billion bid for Norton, the American abrasives group, last April rather than enter a potentially ruinous auction. BTR's parsimony is legendary. Analysts reckon that next spring, after a company results season likely to be one of the bleakest for years, company valuations will have fallen to BTR's kind

The company's City fans would like to be assured that BTR's touch, once so assured, is still intact after the Pilkington and Norton failures. And it would be quite in keeping with the aggressive style of Alan Jackson, the new chief executive, fresh from a quite outstanding spell at the helm of BTR Nylex in Australia, to go for a swift success.

Despite the usual heavy capital spending, BTR's gearing is being reined back from 77 per cent, at the interim stage, through strong cash generation, to perhaps 60 per cent by the year end. By mid 1991, borrowings will have reduced further to permit a

substantial acquisition. Williams Holdings has nil gearing and in the past has relied more than most on acquisition-led growth. The demise of many former City whiz-kids has not helped the youthful duo of Nigel Rudd and Brian McGowan. Nor has the fact that some recent deals have proved more trouble-

some than earlier successes. This year, the slump in housing took its toll of Williams' up-market home improvements division and in**TEMPUS** 

# BTR heads predators in bargain basement



On the lookout: Brian McGowan (left) and Nigel Rudd

lookout for bargains and could fund an acquisition in the £300 million bracket.

out £90 million of cash against tially, Charter's firepower is far greater for its assets include 69 per cent of Cape Industries and 39 per cent of Johnson Charter is enmeshed in a web

terim profits were 15 per cent with Minorco holding a 36 per adrift. Full year figures will cent stake. The ultimate also be well down. But Wil- resolution of this tangle is far liams is certain to be on the from clear. But after a massive restructuring in the past two vears Charter is keen to plough its own furrow. Other likely predators include the cash rich ADT, Lonrho and BAT, which has a

A dark horse in the takeover stakes could well be Charter Consolidated, which has aba stock market capitalisation of some £400 million. Poten-

bad business to be in after all.

THE stock market is hostile to shares of small companies and of Oppenheimer family and Anglo-American interests especially to small investment trusts lacking liquidity. A small trust investing in the shares of small companies

does not, therefore, seem the ideal vehicle to catch the fair wind of fashion.

In October, Guinness Mahon launched the £15 million Smaller Companies Investment Trust (SCTT) at £1 a share. The shares now stand at 70p. The initial placing included a one-for-five warrant that stands at 18p, but that still leaves placees sitting on a

This is not an auspicious precedent for Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust (or AS-CoT), which also started via a £15 million placing at £1 a share including a one-for-five warrant, and whose shares will

be quoted from today.

James Capel, ASCoT's adviser, is confident that it will have a cheerier reception. Most of SCIT's start-up portfolio was made up of shares swapped by its institutional backers, which saves costs but restricts the managers' initial

ASCoT is all new money, managed by specialists, for-merly at Ivory & Sime, who are keen to make a good impression with the first trust from their new stable Aberforth Partners. ASCoT also has a liquidation option at five years, rather than SCIT's ten ears, to control the discount.

For potential new investors who like to buck the trend, however, the bigger the discount the better. The whole point of both launches is that this is a good time to buy which should recover disproportionately when share prices rise and stock market trading returns to more normal levels. Over the 35 years to end

1989, smaller companies on showed an average annual total return of 19.9 per cent compound, against 14.6 per cent on the all share index. In the succeeding ten months. when small companies were thought more recessionprone, they lost a net 22.9 per the 14.1 per cent on the index.

The long-term trends will surely ro-emerge. Trusts offer an ideal way of spreading the inevitable risk of investing in individual smaller companies. Meanwhile, trust promoters have quite worked out the best technique for saising money.

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# Flamboyant rise may leave Levitt counting his friends

Jon Ashworth

looks at the man behind

the troubled

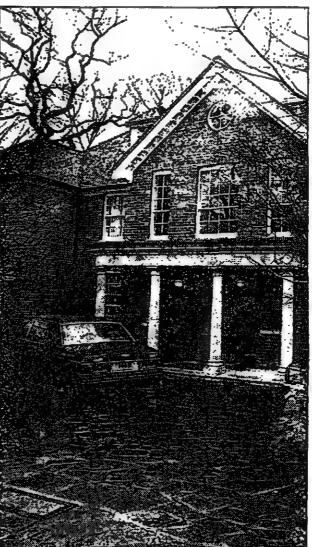
Levitt Group ROGER Levitt has always

been attracted to the celebrity lifestyle. Surrounded by pop-stars and leading sportsmen and with a well-chewed Davidoff cigar close at hand, be set out to sell financial services to the rich and famous. He built up his Levitt Group into a small, tightly knit sales machine, luring a core of hardnosed salesmen and women with the promise of huge commissions and using a rigid system of book-keeping.

Mr Levitt wanted to be the biggest and best and he took aimed straight for the top, rather than trying to sell small life insurance and pensions policies to the man in the street. He befriended a small network of celebrities, including Adam Faith, the former pop star, and Lennox Lewis, the boxer, and through them won an exclusive entrée to a captive and wealthy audience eager to do business.

Whether mingling with the racing set at Epsom or favourite football team, from the comfort of his box at the north London ground, Mr Levitt found that business was never far away.

Companies were the other side of the coin. One big contract with a sizeable corporation would bring thousands of employees within reach, each ripe for a pension plan or insurance contract and caving Levitt without the trouble of trying to sell con-tracts individually. Levitt's top salesmen, including Bruce King, a former Allied Dunbar top commission earner, viaited companies in search of "the big one", the pot of gold at the end of the financial serv-



Luxury lifestyle: Levitt's Highgate home and Bentley

ices rainbow. Lucrative conyet more cash for the Levitt

account were the rewards. Mr Levin was known as much for his colourful personbitions. His taste for Davidoff cigars, handmade and flown in from Cuba, cost the best part of £900 a month. He has confessed to smoking his way weeks, with each box retailing at £333. He was often seen in

Highgate, north London, to tracts, sales commissions and his office in Great Portland Street in the West End.

The latest turn of events may do bnie to dent Mr Levitt's flamboyant lifestyle. In ality as for his corporate am- January, he paid cash for a 33 per cent stake held in the company by LIT, the Chicago futures and options group, and has since made a sizeable return on his investment. through two boxes in three Soon after, he sold small stakes in the group to a handful of institutions, including his Bentley, being chauffeur- Commercial Union, Legal & driven from his home at General, and Chase ManMr Levitt has also been

looking overseas. The group has entered into several joint ventures in continental Europe and to Cyprus and had planned to expand in North America and the Far East. The financial services groups were weak and take advantage. Mr Levitt has been a frequent visitor to the group's new offices in New York. It is not clear how the weekend's events will affect expansion

The group also has a thriv ing commercial property arm arranging commercial mort gages and linking them when appropriate with an "all in corporate package of em ployee benefits. Any exposure to the commercial property market may have contributed to the decision to call in the administrators. Mr Levitt has never been far

from controversy. The financial services industry in which he worked is dominated by the commission system under which a salesman is only as good as his next deal. The best salesmen at Allied Dunbar. Abbey Life, the MI Group and other such groups clawed their way to the top using every means at their disposal. Many of them were subsequently lured to Levitt with the promise of yet more cash, giving Mr Levitt the pick of the best, but also alienating him from many in the financial services community. A dispute with Allied Dunbar ended with the termination of an agency agreement between the two groups this year. The complaint. Bever publicty acknowledged, was that Levin was stealing its top commission carners, Little was known yesterday

about the reasons for the appointment of administrators. but one thing is clear. Mr Levitt has not got this far without learning a few tricks and has mends in all the right circles. Now, when the chips



# THE TIMES CITY DIARY

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UK earnings. Maybe cor-porate finance is not such a

#### Lake bites City bait

RICHARD Lake, one of the best known chartists in the City, and ranked number one in Institutional Investor's latest annual survey, is turning his back on the world of the self-employed to return to a City firm. Lake, aged 51, left Swiss Bank Corp - he was previously with Grieveson Grant and was then a partner at Raphael Zorn - to launch his own business, World Stockmarket Analysis. But he has succumbed to an "out of the blue approach" from Hoare Govett and will be joining the firm as a director in mid-January. "My company has been quite successful but, with five different fortnightly circulars, I spend most of my time writing one publication after another and then administration takes over," Lake says. "I have little time to do regular seminars in London and around the world." The new-style Hoare Govert is appealing, adds Lake, who will act as a "catalyst between the UK and and UK market-makers". He merged or shut down and their says: "I hope to provide them with a product they do not orphaned. A lot of people with

uities." A committed Christian, Lake, married with two daughters, lists "family first, then Christian activies" as his recreations in Who's Who in Yeovil, a little girl was sitting the City. He regularly gives a percentage of his annual in-

Offer for orphans SCOTT Goff Layton's onetime senior partner, David Grenier, who resigned as a director of Smith New Court in 1988, is expanding the firm he founded a year ago into the field he knows best traditional private client broking. With backing from 3i and Mees Hope Securities, Grenier, aged 59, launched ladependent Investment Management as a fund management group specialising in charities. But today, in partnership with Stock Exchange member firm Shaw & Co, he is starting a new service, specialising in high net worth private client portfolios, of £100,000 of more. "Until now we have only been handling discretionary port-folios," says Grenier. "We are simply responding to client demand. So many firms have clients have been effectively with a product they do not have and will be responsible for all aspects of technical for all aspects of technical

heard from their broker for when County NatWest and months."

AT A department store in on the lap of the store's Santa, who asked her what she would like for Christmas, Indignantly she replied: "Didn't you get the fax I sent you?"

Slimmer brokers HOARE Govett made five UK equity analysts redundant at the end of last week as part of its plan to cut 12 jobs by Christmas. Mark Wright, Selwyn Jones, Miles Saltiel and two others were told to leave on Thursday. After a two-year spell at Unilever, Wright, aged 33, joined Capel Cure Myers as an investment analyst before working as a fund manager for Lazard Securities. He was appointed assistant director on the motors and engineering team at Hoare Govett in 1986. Saltiel. aged 41, was a senior analyst at Prudential Bache before joining Hoare Govett in 1988 as an assistant director on the electronics desk. Jones was a property specialist. The firm, now completing its management buyout, had said some iobs would be lost by natural wastage and more through

James Capel laid off 45 staff

#### Strauss farewell RONALD Strauss, who with

his brother Robert and Jim Turnbull, founded Strauss Turubull, the stockbroker, in 1938, died last week, Strauss, aged 83, suffered a beart attack as he was getting dressed for work on Monday morning. He had out-lived his brother and his cousin Julius, who was also at the firm, and still worked five days a week. His son Derek, aged 50, is the joint deputy chairman of the firm. now owned by Société Générale, the French bank, "His stockbroking business was his life," says Paul Tisch, the executive director in charge of equities at SGST and who had worked for Strauss for 22 years. "He used to spend six months of the year travelling all over the world and a large part of the firm's business came from abroad. His network of contacts was extensive " A strong willed opinionated man, he was not always popular, but the friends he made he kept for life. "You could learn an awful lot from him," adds Tisch. Strauss's funeral was held at Willesden Cemetery last week.

# King of UK insurance salesmen

BRUCE King was hoping to make a million pounds this year from his work for the Levitt Group. At 44 years of age, he is the most highly paid insurance salesman in Britain. Next year, he was expecting to make a great deal more (Jon Ashworth writes).

Mr King, when I interviewed him earlier this year, claimed he was special. "I'm probably totally unique. The largest amount of insurancerelated business in the UK is done by tied agents. I've been there. I've done it." Unlike other salesmen, Mr

King saw himself as a busincremen who has moved into financial consultancy. "Twe always been in business. I ran my own very successful engineering company, then a chain of drug stores, then dropped out for a few years and became involved in alternative medicine and psychol-Four years ago, he claims, he tested his strength of mind by walking on a 25ft bed of burning coals. "I walked along it slowly and it crystallised everything I had done before. There was no

His fire-walking was followed by a career in insurance, first with Abbey Life and then with Allied Dunbar. Both groups use commissions to inspire their salesmen. The more policies they sell, the

magic in it. If you walk calmly

and purposely through the fire, you will not burn."



Mastering the psychology of selling: King, UK's highest-paid insurance salesman wanted to earn \$1,000 a week. gineering company. After five to do with it." The real money. They said it couldn't be done. years, he sold out and started a for Levitt and its salesmen, is I did it. I told Allied Dunbar

was to become their top salesdirection again. man. They said it had never be done. I said 'watch me'." Mr King succeeded, and put down to positive thinking, centre near San Diego in

The psychology of selling is all-important. "I've had the experience of running a busi- Each time i used to come the West End by 6.30 am 12. ness and know emotionally back a different property what problems a husinessman stand. I go out to form relationships and solve problems. I know that if I do a good

job the money will roll in." In the Sixtes, Mr King took one of Britain's first business

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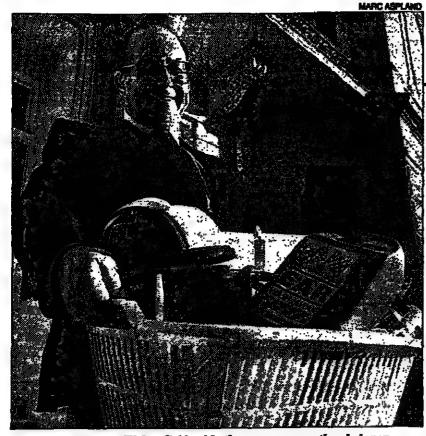
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#### **SMALLER COMPANIES**

# Betterware looks to the Continent for door-to-door growth



BETTERWARE Consumer Products. the door-to-door bouseware distribution company, will today appoint Walter man, as part of its bid for further

Mr Goldsmith, aged 52, formerly chief executive of Black and Decker and president of that company's Pacific operations, has substantial international experience, having started B&D operations in 22 countries.

Unlike retailing, the direct-sales industry is buoyant. Betterware makes its profits by selling various household products direct to the customer.

Andrew Coben, the chief executive, said the group has benefited from the

The company has 4,250 distributors, ople need to earn additional income and become part-time distributors on a commission-only basis. The average sale stands at about £7.50, and is going up.

Mr Goldsmith said the company had "great potential," with only 30 per cent of Britain covered, and "because of the

He added: "It's a very exciting company, and one that stands out in

The company recently reported in-terim pre-tax profits up by 52 per cent to £1.71 million, on turnover 36 per cent higher at £13.98 million. Second-ball sales are 58 per cent ahead. Smith New Court, the company

broker, has pencilled in pre-tax profits of £4 million for the full year, against £2.7 million last time, giving earnings of 13p

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# Sentencing offenders against children | UK in breach on review of detention

Custodial sentence for contemnors under 21

No 17 of 1990

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Judge [Judgment December 4]

Aspects which had to be taken into account when sentencing for sexual attacks on young children were laid down by the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division in a judgment on a reference by the Attorney-general of a sentence considered to uly lenient within section be unduly lenient within section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act

The sentence, imposed by Mr. Mars-Jones at Cardiff Crown Court on the offender. was three years imprison-10 and one year consecutive for assault with intent to commit buggery on another girl also aged 10.

Mr Graham Boal for the Attorney-general; Mr Roger L. Thomas, who did not appear The LORD CHIEF JUS-

Before Lord Donaldson of

ymington, Master of the Rolls,

ord Justice Glidewell and Lord

Where a contemnor was aged

under 21, the court, in fixing his

have regard to sections 1 and 9 of the Criminal Justice Act

1982, and, where a custodial

sentence was to be imposed, should order his detention in a

The Court of Appeal so stated

on an appeal by David Lawton from Judge Paling, who, at Durham County Court, had sentenced him to two years imprisonment for contempt of

court in respect of his breaches of a non-molestation order

At the conclusion of argument on November 29 the Court of

vary the judge's order to provide

months and would in addition

exercise its power to order Mr

Lawton's earlier release on

Mr Edward Cross, who did

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the court said that the breaches

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guilty were very serious and amounted to open defiance of

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approached the girl and a boy aged nine in Plymouth Woods, Cardiff and asked them if they would like to see a bird's nest. They went with him into a wooded area.
The offender then attacked

and buggered the girl. The boy ran for help and alerted two adults nearby. The offender ran A disturbing feature of the

case was that, instead of running away, within a few minutes he ached some other children way by the same trick.

Two girls, one after the other, struck him and were able to run away. The boys ran to fetch the help of adults, who arrived with

The offender was arrested the following day. He admitted sniffing glue which had sexually aroused him. His version of events corresponded with the allegations against him and he admitted that he intended to do the same to the second girl as he had done with the first. The Attorney-general submit-ted that the offence was as-

ered that the period was exces-

sive and that the appropriate period was nine months.

Turning to the submission that the committal order was unlawful in that it committed

Mr Lawton to prison rather than

to a young offenders' institu-tion, his Lordship set out the

relevant anctions of the 1982 Acr

Mr Lawton was over 21, rather

the relevant statutory pro-visions had been overlooked.

order should not have been made. Instead the committal

order should have provided for Mr Lawton to "be detained under section 9 of the Criminal

The question therefore arose whether the Court of Appeal

had power to substitute an order correcting the error, and if so, whether it should exercise that

Justice Act 1982".

The fact remained that the

proper comparison could be drawn between buggery and rape as set out in the guidelines on rape in R v Billam ([1986] 1 WLR 349). Their Lordships did not in-tend to embark on such a

comparison save to say that, in so far as analogies could be drawn, the maximum sentences for rape and buggery of a woman were life imprisonment. The reference was in an area

which was largely devoid of authority and nothing precisely similar had been discovered. There were several aspects which a sentencing judge, and their Lordships in such circum-

The overall gravity of the 2 The necessity for punishment of the offender, something which was sometimes overlooked.

3 The necessity to protect the public from the activities of someone who was prepared to sniff solvent and then, having

Lawton had been very small. He had been held in Durham prison for five days. It was not known

allocation section in which he would have been held if the correct order had been made, or

whether he was treated as a mun

sentenced to imprisonment. At the end of that period he was transferred to a young offenders' institution where he had since

His Lordship referred to Linnett v Coles ([1987] QB 555)

in which the Court of Appeal had held that under section 13

of the Administration of Justice

Act 1960 the Court of Appeal

had jurisdiction in the exercise of its discretion to reverse or

vary the decision below in the exercise of its jurisdiction to punish for contempt and to

make such other order as might

hether it should exercise that

In the court's judgment that

power should be exercised in the

Co, Gateshead; Sidney

In the event the effect on Mr present case. Section 14(1) of the

Sidelds, Sunderland.

Deterrence term for pickpocket

ther he was held in a special

offences on young children.

5 What one hoped might be the deterrent effect, the effect which a severe sentence might have on other people minded to act in such a manner.

Their Lordships had to ask themselves whether the sen-tences did fall within the range of sentences a judge could properly consider for the of-fences. They thought that he had pitched the sentences for too low. The proper sentence for the buggery was six years and for the attempt one year consecutive.

It was possible to juggle the terms and impose slightly less for the buggery and slightly more for the attempt. The broad totality, however, was ac-curately reflected by seven years. The appeal was allowed the sentences were quashed and

An order was made for pay-ment out of central funds of the offender's costs on the reference.

Solicitors: CPS, Head-quarters; Brists Jones Clarke & Co, Cardiff.

Contempt of Court Act 1981

preserved the ancient power of the court to order the release of a

contemnor earlier than at the end of the fixed term of detention required by that section. It was a power appropriately used where a contempor country to

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purge his contempt and the court was convinced of his

the present case leading to the conclusion that Mr Lawton had

learned his learner and that little was to be gained by his detention for the full period provided for by the judge as varied by the Court of Appeal.

in all the circumstances the court considered it appropriate

in addition to reducing the term of detention to nine months to

order his early release on December 7, 1990.

Solicitors: Aaronson & Co,

### (Case No 23/1989/183/241-243)

Before R. Ryudal, President and Judges J. Cremons, Thor Vilhialmsson, F. Golcuklu, F. Matscher, J. Pinheiro Farinha, L.-E. Pettiti, B. Walsh, Sir Vincent Evans, R. Maccionald, C. Russo, R. Bernhardt, A. Spielmann, J. De Meyer, N. Vatticos, S. K. Martens, R. Pekkanen, A. N. Loizou and J. M. Morenilla Rodriguez

Registrar M.-A. Eissen

[Judgment October 25] The absence of a judicial procedure available to the applicants to determine the continued lawfulness of their determion (and in the case of Mr Wilson and Mr Gunnell, the lawfulness of their re-detention following release) constituted a violation of article 5.4, of the European Convention on Human Rights.

In addition, the European Court of Human Rights held, since the violation did not give rise to an enforceable right to compensation before the United Kingdom courts, there had also been a breach of article 5.5, of the Convention in the case of Mr Wilson.

Article 5 provides; "4 Every-me who is deprived of his liberty by arrest or detention shall be entitled to take proceed-ings by which the lawfulness of his detention shall be decided speedily by a court and his release ordered if the detention is not lawful.

of this article shall have an

need to punish each applicant for the gravity of his offences but also had regard to their mental instability and the likeli-hood of their committing further offences, making them a

absconded from prison. Despite the local review

that he be released in May 1989, the Parole Board had since recommended that he remain in custody with a further review one year after his transfer to an open prison.

It had been accepted that he had served the punitive stage of

guity to one count of buggery, two counts of attempted bug-gery and seven counts of in-decent assault on boys under 16 for which he was sentenced at the Central Criminal Court in

Regins v Jones (Stephen)

Attorney-general's Reference

TICE, giving the judgment of gravated by the fact that there 4 The public concern at sexual officeres on young children.

Thysne, Wilson and Granell v following a recommendation of Court of Human Rights held as tifying their detention were two victims and that a officeres on young children.

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In June 1989 the local review ther review in two years' time with the proviso that should his health deteriorate to such an extent that he was no longer considered to be a risk, the case should be reviewed at an earlier date. The next review date was October 1991.
The third applicant, Mr

Edward Gunnell, was convicted, inter aile, of four offences of rape and two offences of sttempted rape for which he was sentenced at the Central Crim-inal Court in 1965. He was released on conditional licence in 1982, but was recalled to prison within a year by the secretary of state following two incidents in January and Feb-

the Parole Board which recom-mended his release a month later subject to adequate arrangements being made for his housing and psychiatric

TOSTV 1983.

The secretary of state, after consultations with the Lord Chief Justice and the trial judge in accordance with section 67(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967, decided not to accept the coard's recommendation. In November 1983, the Court

of Appeal dismissed his applica-tions for judicial review of the decisions of the Parole Board decisions of the Parole Board and the Home Secretary and for discovery of the documents relating to their determination of his case.

of his case. In September 1988 he was once again released on licence. However, on September 24, 1990 he pleaded guilty at the Central Criminal Court to one charge of attempted rape, five charges of indecent assault and three charges of robbery. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, the life licence for his original

Mr Thynne, Mr Wilson and

Mr Gunnell lodged their applications with the European Commission of Human Rights on June 3, 1985, September 1, 1985 and April 24, 1985 respec-tively. On September 6, 1988 the Commission ordered the joinder of the three applications and declared them admissible. Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settle-ment, the Commission drew up

a report on September 7, 1989 establishing the facts of the case and expressing the opinion, by 10 votes to 2, that there had been a breach of article 5.4 in that the three applicants were not able to have the lawfulness of their detention determined by a court at reasonable intervals throughout their imprisonment, and also in the case of Mr Wilson and Mr Gunnell at the moment of their re-detention: and by 10 votes to 2, that there had been a breach of article 5.5 in the case of Mr Wilson in that the breach of article 5.4 did not give rise to an enforceable claim for compensation before the

for composition courts, domestic courts, courts, 12,

I Alleged breach of article 5.4 A Whether the requisite judicial centrel was incorporated in the original conviction The applicants claimed that a discretionary life sentence was

composed of a punitive ment, that is, a period of imprisonment to satisfy the needs of retribution and deter-rence (the tariff period), and a security element based on the need to protect the public.

They maintained that they had received discretionary life sentences because, as in the Weeks case (judgment of March 2, 1987, Series A, No 114; The Times March 5, 1987), the courts considered them to be mentally unstable and dangerous and that such a sentence would enable the secretary of state to monitor their progress

release them. Since those factors were susceptible to change with the passage of time a right to judicial review at reasonable intervals of the continued lawfulness of their detention was required.

The Government argued that the present cases did not fall into the same category as the Weeks case where the facts could not be described as grave and the sole element was that of security. element was that or security. The present applicants had committed particularly serious offences and the sentencing courts had emphasised the pu-

The Government contended life sentence no clear dividing line could be drawn by reference to the tariff period between the punitive and security elements. To attempt to do so confused the administrative procedures governing the way the sentence was served with the nature of the sentence. Gravity remained the imputable justification is a the immutable justification in a discretionary life sentence.

In the Court's view, each of

the applicants was sentenced to life imprisonment because, in addition to the need for punishment, they were considered to be suffering from a mental or personality disorder and to be dangerous and in need of Life imprisonment was

judged to be the most appropriate sentence in the circumstances since it enabled the secretary of state to assess their progress and to act accordingly. Thus the courts' sentencing objectives were in that respect similar to those in Beeks, but also took into account the much greater gravity of the offences committed.

The Court noted that the discretionary life sentence had distribution of the sentence had clearly developed in English law as a measure to deal with mentally unstable and dangerous offenders, such sentences were composed of both a punitive and a security element, the latter being designed to confer on the secretary of state the responsibility for determining when the public interest permitted the prisoner's release. Those objectives were distinct

the Van Drog ment of June 25, 1982, Series A. No 50) and Weeks cases. The factors of mental instability and dangerousness were susceptible to change over the passage of time and new issues of lawfulness could arise.

Consequently, the applicants were entitled to take proceedings to have the lawfulness of the continued detention decided

vals and to have the lawfulness of any re-detention determined DY & COURT.

The court did not consider it necessary to decide whether article 5.4 should apply through-out the applicants' imprisonment or only following the expury of the tariff period as it was clear that the punitive period had expired in the case of

B Whether the available rest-edies satisfied the requirement of article 5.4

The "court" referred to in article 5.4 did not have to be empowered to substitute its 090 cision-making authority, but its review had to be sufficiently wide to bear on the conditions justifying, according to the Convention, the special type of deprivation of liberty ordered against the applicants.

The court saw no reason to depart from its finding in the Weeks judgment that neither the Parole Board nor judicial review proceedings — no other remedy of a judicial character being available to the three applicants — satisfied the requirements of article 5.4. Indeed, that was not disputed by the Government The Court thus concluded, by

18 votes to 1 (Judge Thor Vilhjalmsson dissenting) that there had been a breach of article 5.4 in the case of each

Il Alleged breach of article 5.5 As the breach of article 5.4 could not give rise to an enforceable claim for compensation before the domestic courts. the Court held, by 18 votes to 1
(Judge Thor Vilhjalmsson dissenting) that there had been a violation of article 5.5 in the case of Mr Wilson.

III Application of article 50 The Court dismissed unanimously the claims by the applicants for compensation in respect of, inter alia, the feeling of helplessness and frustration they had suffered, considering that its finding of a violation of article 5 constituted sufficient just satisfaction.

On the other hand, it unani mously awarded Mr Thyone the amount claimed in respect of costs and expenses, namely £4,500 less Ffr7,845 already paid by way of legal aid in respect of fees.

were awarded jointly £18,000 less Ffr24,849.98 already paid to Mr Gunnell by way of legal and in respect of fees and travel and subsistence expenses. Both those figures were to be increased by any value-added tax

#### not appear below, for Mr Law- Regins v Masson Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Mr Justice Schiemann and Mr Jus-

[Judgment November 29] ROLLS, giving the judgment of A first offender convicted of a relatively minor offence of pickpocketing in Oxford Street, London was not a suitable subject for the imposition of a

todial sentence was therefore deterrent sentence. fully justified, and indeed re-The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowif the court's authority Nevertheless it had to be remembered that under section ing an appeal by George Masagh against two concurrent sentences of 18 months imprison-14(1) of the Contempt of Court ment and a recommendation for deportation imposed for ofof committal for contempt was limited to two years. Serious though the present

was inappropriate Mr Timothy R. Spencer, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD aid that on the face of it the sentence was too long. Between three and six months would have been the normal sentence for such a case save for the recorder's view that a deterrent sentence was needed because nicknocketing in Oxford Street

was so prevalent That raised problems. First, what was a prevalent offence? All too many offences were prevalent such as burglary and shoplifting. If shoplifting were as prevalent in Oxford Street did that too require a deterrent

sionally there were outbreaks, as on the Underground, after which deterrent sentences were imposed. However, such cases had involved organised groups many of whose members had had a string of previous convictions.

opposite end of the spectrum. It involved isolated, one-off events by a man operating alone. The fact that a deterrent sentence could be justified in the worst cases did not mean that offences of pickpocketing in general required a deterrent sentence. If that became the practice deterrent sentences would lose their meaning and become the tariff.

He was released on con-Finally, no one really knew ditional licence in 1982, but was

"5 Everyone who has been the victim of arrest or detention in contravention of the provisions

Each of the applicants was convicted of serious sexual offences and sentenced to a dis-cretionary sentence of life English courts recognised the

danger to the public. The first applicant, Mr Michael Thynne, pleaded guilty to rape and buggery for which he was sentenced at the Central inal Court, London, in 1975. He had been in custody since then although he had twice

committee's recommendation

his sentence and that risk to the public was the sole remaining The second applicant, Mr Benjamin Wilson, pleaded

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Mr Wilson and Mr Gunnell

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# Greeks adopt Thatcherite policies for Olympian task

difficulties that faced Greece's liberal conservative government at the time of its formation last April was to persuade the outside world - in particular, potential investors in Europe, the United States and Japan - that an administration backed by only 15! votes in a 300-seat parliament had a future.

The fragility of the government, however, was always more apparent than real. Now, eight months later, and with 152 seats, it no longer seems vulnerable. The October municipal elections left the ruling New Democracy party counting losses as well as gains, but the same went for the socialist and communist opposition. New Democracy held on to two of the three main cities, Athens and Thessaloniki, losing only Piraeus.

The party interpreted this as a vote of tolerance for the first stage of its reform programme, and pushed an electoral law through parliament, restoring a system of reinforced proportional representation (PR).

This replaced simple PR, which had led to two inconclusive general elections, in June and November 1989, in both cases depriving New Democracy of a majority.

Under the restored system reinforced PR, the 47 per cent of the vote won by New Democracy last April, which then gave the party 151 seats, would now provide an overall

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The new government is rebuilding its relations abroad and imposing austerity at home to revive the flagging economy, Chris Eliou reports

majority of between 15 and 20 seats. There is little incentive, therefore, for

the opposition parties to try too hard to topple the government, even if either of them was without problems of its own, and they were able to propose a convincing alternative to the two years of austerity that the government considers to be the inimum needed for recovery.

To socialist cries of foul play, the vernment observes that simple PR had been introduced by Andreas Papandreou, the then prime minister, on the eve of the June 1989 elections, in a despairing attempt to ensure that if he could not win, nobody else

The government's position is strengthened by disarray in the socialist and communist parties. The socialist party, Pasok, faces the prospect that Mr Papandreou and several close associates will stand trial next year on charges arising out of a £100 million bank embezziement and other alleged candals during the party's eight years

Mr Papandreou, aged 71, has been ailing since he underwent heart bypass surgery in London two years ago. The conflicting socialist and social democrat tendencies in Pasok may split the party when a new leader has to be chosen. The communist-led Leftist Alliance is still in search of a

new identity.
When the government came to power it had to give first priority to staving off immediate disasters, such as a failure to meet monthly publicsector salary and pension bills. Despite a series of "fire brigade" measures to curb expenditures and increase revenues it is not yet totally out of this particular wood.

ment had to restore Greece's credibility as a member of the European Community, and to restore good relations with Washington. After a tour of every EC capital, Constantine Mitsotakis, the prime minister, obtained a pledge of economic support from the EC's June summit in Dublin. He also became the first Greek premier in 25 years to visit the Vaite House.

The bope is that through these improved relationships Greece will recover its attractiveness to potential investors in the West and Far East.

with unwanted complications as a result of the confrontation in the Gulf. Higher oil costs have affected the balance of payments and the rate of inflation, and the dispute has enhanced the relative importance of Turkey as a frontline state.

Athens cannot be indifferent to a military strengthening of Turkey when the Cyprus issue and disputes over the Aegean are still unsolved, but it would be equally rejuctant to weaken its links with Washington, in view of the hopes pinned on American investment. As it is, government commitment to the embargo against Iraq and its participation in the naval force applying the blockade have opened it to strong criticism from

opposition parties.
To consolidate further its domestic position, the government has to advance from containment of the economic crisis to promotion of Thatcher-style economic and social reforms. These will include denationalisation and privatisation, restoration of market freedoms and deregulation in the banking and financial sectors, and a sharp compression of the size, as well as the role, of the public sector,

Equally in need of attention if Greece is to achieve its full potential as an EC member are the health service, education system, public transport and telecommunications in other words, the whole infrastructure.



Cheering victory: Constantine Mitsotakis has brought conservatives back to power

### The tall man aims for the pinnacle

CONSTANTINE Mitsotakis, before it lost office in 1981. Greece's prime minister since April, shares some similarities with Helmut Kohi, the German chancellor: his height, his dogged determination, and the time it took him to reach the pinnacle. At 6ft 4in he is o psilos, the tall one, to his supporters. To the opposition socialist party led by Andreas Papandreou, the former prime minister, he is less flatteringly known as o eficialis, the

Mr Mitsotakis was born in 1918 to a Cretan political at the third attempt, last April, family, and was only 28 when that Mr Mitsotakis scraped first elected to parliament in together a majority. 1946, propelled by a remarkable resistance record during Marika, have three married the wartime German occupation of Crete. He became a son, who graduated from Harcabinet member five years

Things went wrong, hower, in the crisis summer of racy deputy murdered by ter-1965 when Andreas Papan- rorists, is a member of dreou, then a minister in the parliament and acts as her centrist government of his father's chief of staff with a involvement in an alleged

George Papandreon's response was to seek to appoint close to Athens airport. For himself national defence min-ister. King Constantine gammon and "above average

said: 'New

ment fell, and the COURTRY plunged into a constitutional crisis. Mr Mitsotukis was the most prominent of a group of ively to become known as the "apostates", who threw their support

hehind a succession of governments headed by palace nominees, a process ended by the military coup of dreou and Mr Mitsotakis embarked on a feud that has been one of the constants of Greek politics for the past 25 years.

Mr Mitsotakıs is defiant about his role in the 1965 crisis. To him it was not an issue of "the king reigns, the prime minister governs", as George Papandreou asserted, but of elementary public rectitude. His stand, which Andreas Papandreou has consistently refused to debate with him on television, cost him the best part of 15 years in the political wilderness. In common with most

Greek politicians, Mr Mrtsotakis was arrested after the 1967 coup. When he was released and confined to his home, he escaped to Turkey in a small boat and made his way to Paris, where he joined Constantine Karamanlis, Greece's eider statesman and the current president. He re-turned to Greece under a general amnesty in 1973.

Mr Mitsotakis waited until 1978 to join Mr Karamanlis's with the rest of Europe, and New Democracy party, which that's not only economics". he served as economic coordinator and foreign <u>minister</u>

Three years later, Mr Mitsotakis won the New Democracy leadership. On the day the party deputies voted, Mr press: "New Democracy has

elected a nightmare as its

Ailing, burdened with scandals and fresh from a muchpublicised divorce, Mr Papandreon lost power in June 1989. But the elections then, and in November 1989, were inconclusive, and it was only

Mr Mitsotakis and his wife, daughters and an unmarried vard this year. One of his daughters, Dora Bakoyanni, the widow of a New Democsecretary to the prime

Although he still considers Crete his "real home", Mr Glyfada, the seaside suburb

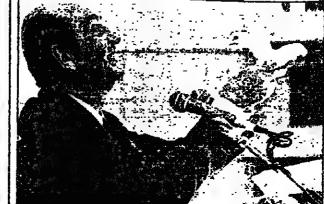
chess". He is also an experienced Papandreou mountaineer and. according to Mrs Bakoyanni, he intends to make a Democracy long planned ashas elected a summit of Moust nightmare Olympus, his last as its leader'

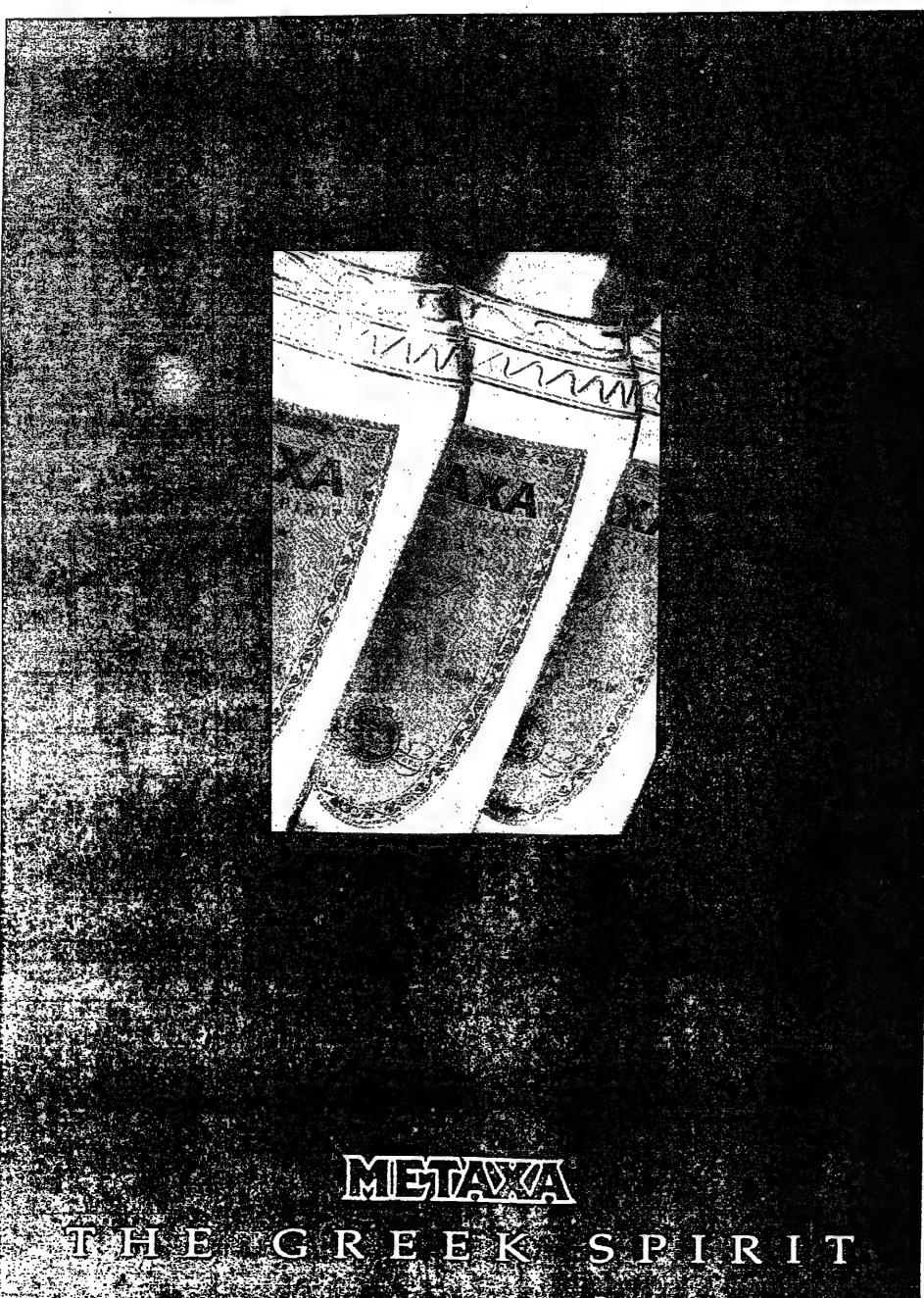
perturbed, close associates have learnt to watch for the tell-tale twitch of the right shoulder that tells them an explosion is coming. What makes him angry? ity," says Mrs Bakoyanni, yes-men and, above all, people who think they can try blackmail - that's the Cretan

io him." It has become almost traditional to describe Mr Mitsotakis as "uncharismatic", and certainly the balcony is not his natural habitat. A Mitsotakis speech in parliament is an unremitting hammering of nails on their heads, unadorned with flights of rhetoric. Repartee is not his strong point, and he is a man no anecdotes. His humour is said to be reserved for his friends. In contrast to Andreas Papandreou - and it would be difficult to find two characters more opposite - Mr Mitsotakis is a born committee man. Mrs Bakoyanni describes

him as a man "pragmatic in day-to-day affairs", but one who has "a very clear vision of what he wants to do synchronise the steps of Greece

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the transition from the bipolar international order of the Cold War to one whose characteristics are still unknown has found Greece within the fold of the European Community, a fact that can be considered a blessing in these times of widespread uncertainty. Greece's Balkan neighbours look upon this privilege with envy.

But membership of the Community alone cannot exorcise economic problems caused by a prolonged period of failing productivity and overconsumption. It is the task of the New Democracy government that won the general election last April to reduce the huge internal and external deficits while improving the country's image as a dependable member of the West.

Greece's priorities, economic improvement and relations with the West, are naturally linked to its main preoccupations in foreign policy. These are the evolving

# The nation restores international role

depth and shape of the EC, since that will determine Greece's economic future; and the forms of collective security that will resoond to the country's most

important concerns. Along with other southern EC members, Greece favours an acceleration of the Community's political unity through a "deepening" of its institutions. As far as security is concerned, the Greeks view the Conference for Security. and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) as a valuable forum for problem-solving in areas such as arms control and the monitoring of human rights, but as an unwieldy instrument of collective

The absorption of the Western European Union by the EC, Membership of the European Community gives the country security much envied by its Balkan neighbours, Thanos Veremis reports

making it the Community's security component, might have the added effect of strengthening the credibility of European unity, and Athens considers it to be a leading option. Until Europe acquires a stronger framework, however, the Greeks believe that Nato will continue to be an operational institution, and that it could be given greater scope to provide security to members exposed to the instability that has followed the dissolution of the Warsaw

The collapse of the Eastern bloc, and of an ideology that was hostile

to nationalism, has revived prewar ethnic, religious and political conflicts in Greece's volatile neighbourhood - the Balkans. The prospect of Yugoslav disintegration (or the formation of a loose confederation) might exacerbate relations with Greece. Pressure on Belgrade from Skopje, the Macedonian capital, has already led to the blocking of the transit of Greek perishable goods.

Serbia, on the other hand, has traditionally been an ally of Greece, and might become one again if the other Yugoslav republies decide to bolt the union.

Towards Albania, Greece is now using the carrot of economic and commercial exchanges to improve relations with this reclusive neighbour, coupled with admonitions about the freedoms of the estimated 400,000 ethnic

Greeks living there. Bulgaria's pangs of rebirth in the post-Zhivkov era have included the loss of that country's financial umbilical cord with the Soviet Union. Greece has displayed a lively interest in alleviating Bulgaria's plight by extending moderate support, and has offered a way out of its isolation by

considering co-operation in the defence field.

Since Greece is the only member of both Nato and the EC in the Balkans, she could become an important link between the crumbling southeast European region and the West, Athens would not rule out the setting-up of a conference for security and cooperation in the Balkans, patterned on the CSCE, which could

provide regional stability. Greece's main problems with Turkey stem from its belief that Ankara has aspirations to enhance its role as a regional power.

Strangely enough, Greece has a stake in Turkey's westernisation because the process would tend to improve Turkish democratic institutions and minimise what is

seen as the Asiatic element in the conduct of its foreign policy.

Although Turkey's entry into the EC has been postponed.

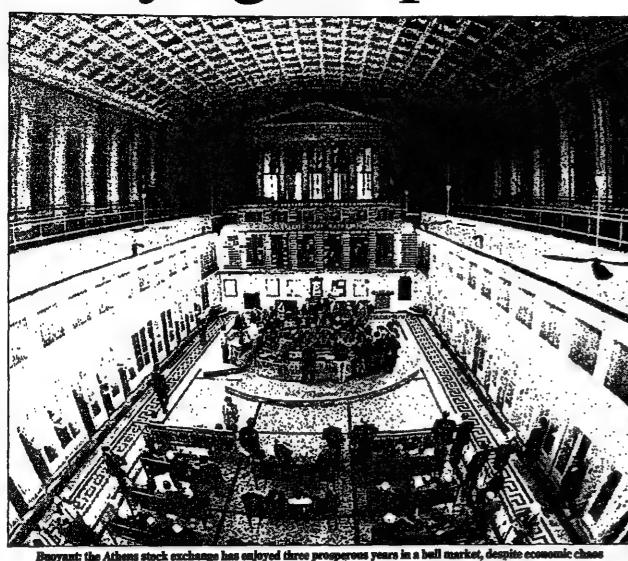
Greece might still become a supporter of the Turkish application in the future if it became apparent that attempts to resolve the issues between the two states had been started.

Cyprus is regarded as the nec-essary catalyst for any prospect of such an improvement. As seen from Athens, it is Rauf Denktas, the Turkish-Cypriot leader, who is reluctant to come to a credible agreement with George Vassiliou, his opposite number on the Greek Cypriot side.

Greece's relations with the United States have been enhanced by the conclusion of the defence co-operation agreement last July, providing for the maintenance of American bases in Greece.

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# Paying the price for turning the corner



Buoyant: the Athens stock exchange has enjoyed three prosperous years in a ball market, despite econo

an austerity budget for 1991, Greece's New Democracy government has not simply hoisted the flag of budgetary discipline, but nailed it to the mast. The Greeks now know that if this year was difficult, as the government sought to arrest the descent into bankruptcy, the next two years will be still more painful

Sustained austerity, involving salary and pension increases well below infla-tion and the likelihood of a temporary rise in unemployment, was the European Community's price for offering new assistance, and EC experts travelled to Athens to help to draw up the budget.

The tough measures were the response to eight years of alleged profligacy under the previous socialist government.

From the moment of taking office last April, Constantine Mitsotakis, the prime minister, turned "bankruptcy at the gates" into his personal catchphrase. He cited a public debt equal to 105 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), a public sector deficit at about 20 per cent of GDP, inflation accelerating steadily towards what the government now insists will be a new year peak of 23 per cent, a 1990 current account deficit' almost certain to exceed £1.5 billion, and a foreign debt that has grown in ten years from £3.6 billion to nearly £9 billion, despite income of £5 billion from the EC.

The targets set for next year are modest. Inflation is to be reduced to 17 per cent, the budget deficit to 16.6 per cent of GDP. For the end of 1993 which will also be four months before the last possible date for a new election inflation and interest rates should be in single figures and the public sector borrowing requirement about 3 per cent

By then, Ioannis Paleokrassas, the

Greece faces a year of rising unemployment

and low pay rises, Victor Walker writes

finance minister, says, the main deter-rent to significant investment will have been eliminated and Greece will have "ensured its place on the European train" of the EC's single market.

Budgetary discipline in 1991 will include expansion of the tax base to include the wealthier representatives of the so far immune farming sector, introduction of a capital gains tax and a 10 per cent withholding tax on interest from bank deposits, plus a computerised assault on tax evasion and fraud, concentrating on VAT and the incomes

of self-employed professionals.

A start will be made on denationalising industries taken over during the socialist period, as well as the part-privatisation of state corporations and public utilities.

The budget vote, due before the Christmas recess, should enable Greece to apply for an EC loan worth between 2 billion and 2.5 billion ECUs (£1.4 billion-£1.7 billion).

Although the need for sacrifice provides the government with sound rea-sons for its negative tone, there are positive factors.

Inflation has been accelerating largely because of stop-gap measures to control public sector deficits — increases in VAT scales and public utility charges - and should respond quickly to the squeeze imposed by the new budget.

Greece is still without serious unemployment, because of the shock absorbers of agriculture, tourism, selfemployment and employment in small family firms, and the black economy.

Industry has enjoyed three years of satisfactory profit and for the most part seems confident in face of the challenge of the European single market, while neither economic distress nor the Gulf dispute has yet had any effect on the buoyancy of the Athens stock exchange. The phasing-out of subsidies is encouraging the farming sector to switch to products that could eventually turn Greece into the market garden of the Community.

Deregulation of the banking system and financial services is gaining mo-mentum, in part because of the loss of union influence since the defeat of the socialists, while the only real threat to the boom in tourism is the effect that a Gulf war, or prolonged tension, could have on movement to the Mediterranean as a

uch will depend on how quickly and how successfully the government can hive off the loss-making nationalised industries and push through its privatisation programme. First indications are that intentions have come into conflict with realities. Disposal of a pilot batch of companies selected as easy sales because of their nature, financial potential and the interest expressed in them, has

become bogged down in legal disputes.
International financial consultants active in this field, such as Eurofin, suspect that procedures will take far longer than had been expected.

On the other hand, the government is in the process of drawing the teeth of the unions to remove its most formidable obstacle. Legislation tabled in par-liament in November will make strikes more difficult to call.

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# Shipowners beware of a government bearing gifts

overnments form and governments fall, but the shipping industry goes on for ever, and nowhere is this more true than in Greece. The Greek shipping industry is spread far and wide, Greek owners are based in Piraeus and New York, London and Monaco, and its tonnage is under flags as farflung as those of Panama and Vanuatu, Liberia and Cyprus.

As far as the Greek government, of whatever political persuasion, is concerned, however, Greek shipping is Greek-owned tonnage under the blue and white national colours and, preferably, managed out of Piracus. Today that national-flag fleet stands at about haif the strength it had in 1981, when it reached a peak of almost 4,000 vessels totalling more than 42 million

Figures are less readily available for Greek-owned tonnage worldwide, but it is estimated that it tops the league tables. Greek governments have long wished to attract the Greek-owned, foreign-flagged tonnage back to the home register, and this year a new campaign has been

Shipowners have always claimed that they ask for little help from the state, and those who have moved their ships and their offices elsewhere continue to think of themselves as Greek, despite the fact that economic and practical considerations have taken precedence. The present government has recognised these facts and acted, not with appeals to the patriotic sentiments of owners, but with measures aimed principally at their pockets.

The first intimations came from Constantine Mitsotakis, the prime minister, who, for six months, took over the shipping portfolio when the government came to power in April. This shows the government's genuine interest in the industry, he says, and its. respect for its importance both as a currency earning sector and one requiring minimal input from the state.

The day-to-day running of the Merchant Marine ministry in Piraeus fell to Aristotle Pavlides, who was appointed alternate minister in May and took over full control of the

portfolio in October. Within its first six months the new administration announced a series of incentives for shipowners designed to boost the competitiveness of The merchant fleet is slow to come

on vessels of 80,000 tons and more was slashed by 75 per cent, and tax for vessels of 40,000 to 80,000 tons by 50

In October, manning reductions of up to five crew members were announced, although Mr Pavlides pointed out that this was largely a paper reduction compared with manning levels set under a 1986 law. A large number of vessels had already been using reduced complements through
a system of individual applica-

Even so, the measures brought swift reaction. The

home, despite changes to labour law and reduced taxes, Claire Lyon writes

Seamen's Pension Fund and the de-Hellenisation of Greek

tions to the ministry for an "experimental" crew

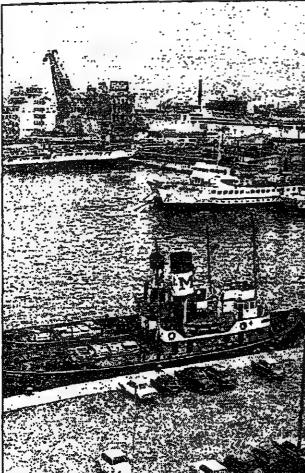
Panhellenic Seamen's Federation threatened escalating industrial action if the manning cuts were not withdrawn, Greek claiming they would result in level.

Greek-flag vessels in the inter-national market. Tonnage tax widespread unemployment of seafarers, the further weakening of the already bankrupt

> One large shipowner, who estimated that his own fleet benefited most from the tax cuts, called them mistimed, called upon to bear heavy burdens to rescue the

There were also other inthe upgrading of telecom-munications in Piracus. By mid 1991, 10,000 extra lines will be available for telephone, telex and fax connections in the Piracus area, which has taken precedence in the countrywide effort to bring the Greek system to an acceptable

coming as they did at a time measures had not yet brought the desired results, but blame centives to shipowners, in- lems such as a three-week-long chiding an immediate start on strike, which crippled com-



Piraces: aiming to be an interactional trading centre petitiveness of printing the control of Japan

The red tape that entwines procedures for supplying ships has been partly disentangled. Changes in the system of educating merchant marine officers, which started in 1989 with the introduction of sandwich courses, giving on-board as well as theoretical training, have continued. The tra-ditional officer cadet uniforms, done away with under the socialist government, have

been reinstated.

Almost two months after ation cuts, Mr Pavlides admitted that, up to that point, the measures had not yet brought cannot fairly be attached to the measures themselves. Market conditions, the Gulf dispute and domestic probmunications, blacked out the capital city for up to six bours a day and put a severe crimp in the banking system, have acted as disincentives to owners to experiment.
One of the most encourag-

ing signs in Piraeus has been the growing caution and responsibility of owners. As ship prices started to drop, the market held back on purchases, despite a reportedly significant reserve of liquid assets waiting to be invested in shipping. In contrast to the past, Greek owners are not rushing to the second-hand market. They will wait for prices to come down to a level that will not leave them as exposed as they were in the

versification out of shipping into fields as erty, tourism, agro-alimentary products and the media, has spread risk and opened up new prospects, but, as one Piraeus shipbroker says: "In the end, owning ships is an obsession with the Greeks."

The year closes with unanswered questions, both for the owners themselves and for the overnment, which is trying to bring them flocking back to Piraeus as they did in the Sixties. Unquestionably, if paradoxically, there is a strong element of patriotism among Greeks worldwide, but it is untikely to spur owners to

come home. Until the results of the government's policies crystallise. Piracus will not take on the aspect of an international shipping banking and investment centre, which is the declared goal.

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# Old wine in new technology

Greece date back thousands of years to Dionysus, the ancient god of wine. Dark-stained feet once trod grapes in unkempt basement pits, but in today's booming Greek wineries, by contrast, there are rows of stainless steel temperaturecontrolled vats, and the new gods are those of quality and the market-place.

The Greek wine-makers, whose products in the past five years have begun to compare with many of the good French reds and whites. are in the vanguard of the modernising agricultural sector. Wine accounts for only 3.8 per cent of agricultural income but the modern technology, marketing, management, financing methods and setting the pace for the rest of

Three decades ago, Greece had an economy dominated by agriculture. Now, as in most developing economies, services are in the lead, in-dustry is second and agriculture a distant third. Agriculture contributes 17 per cent of the gross national product.

income. Wine accounts for almost 4 per cent of agricultural exports and about 1 per cent of all Greek exports.

The agriculture ministry has

a five-year campaign that began about two years ago, to move farmers and the conservative agricultural co-operatives away from dependence on the vast surpluses

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The making of wine in Greece, which goes back thousands of years, has adapted to modern methods. Carol Reed looks at the progress of an industry that promises to boost exports

wards cultivating new crops as surplus. with export demand, longer growing seasons and higher

The ministry's agronomists are beginning to win farmers over to high-demand crops such as kiwi and asparagus, which bring profits of 150 to 200 per cent, instead of peaches, of which 700,000 tons were dumped every year, representing as much as 70 per cent of production.

This autumn, for instance, around Katerini and Lamia, in northern Greece, field after field was sprouting asparagus leaves. On the Peloponnesian coast across from the Aegean island of Poros, and on the big island of Crete, farmers have finally realised the wisdom of growing flowers. Does Holland have more

sun?" one farmer asks. As the Greek economy goes into another year of budgetary austerity, higher selling prices However, agricultural will be the main incentive to goods, mainly fruit, vegetables and tobacco, earn at least a third of Greek export than money available under the community's Mediterranean development aid for planting varieties that have longer growing periods and,

> The problems of overproduction are exemplified by the orange crop. In 1989, a year of record exports, 310,000 tons of oranges were sold as fruit, 190,000 tons went for juice, and 270,000

thus, greater consumption.

Community subsidies and to- tons were wasted, being buried Still, only a small percent-

age of production is exported, 70 per cent of that to Germany

and the remainder to France,

Belgium, Canada, the United

Much of the progress is due

to compliance with the requirements of the Commu-

nity, which Greece joined in

1981, and to the better edu-

cated scions of the great wine-

making families, who gained control of their enterprises in

the Seventies and Eighties and

introduced new technologies.

France, returned to expand his

grandfather's and father's business 47 times within 13

years. He is now president of

the community's wine in-

In response, growers have

been experimenting in the past five years with many

imported "noble" or "cosmo-

politan" grape varieties. These

include cabernet sauvignon,

merlot, cabernet franc, gren-

ache, carignan, chardonnay

Vins de pays, the country wines of France, appeared about two years ago and "make us all feel very optimis-

tic about their future and

about the improving image of

stantine Antonopoulos, a director of Achaia-Clauss, the

dustry and commerce com-

mittee in Brussels.

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asilis Kourtakis,

for instance, after training in wine-

making in Dijon,

States and Britain.

An agriculture ministry official explains the background: When the [community] dumping price is 25-26 drachmas a kilo and the regular price is 33-34 drachmas, it has paid farmers to keep producing too much."

Now, however, with the advice of 60 to 70 working agronomists in every Greek prefecture, wasteful crops are steadily being replaced by more profitable ones.

Quality is also the issue in the wine-making sector. For centuries Greeks made their wine in a somewhat haphazard way, mixing varieties, losing control of the production process and making some wine that was unpleasant enough to need resin to cover

The resulting low-quality to mediocre wine, retsina, gave Greek wine its reputation and identity which has only lately begun to fade. During the past ten years

Greek wine has been steadily improving to western Euro-pean and Californian standards. Greece accounts for only 3 per cent of the Community's wine production. From 97,000 bectares of vineyards with wine grape varieties, Greek wineries produce five million hectolitres annually, 1.2 million hectolitres of which are bottled. Of this production, 60 per cent is red and 10 per cent is white.

oldest wine company in the country.
Achaia-Clauss itself has

been awarded 136 international honorary distinctions, 15 grand prizes, 51 golden medals, 15 silver medals and 32 diplomas.

The Greek wine sector began reorganising after community entry with the establishment of a vineyard registry and creation of 28 specific Appellation of Controlled Origin (AOC) wine regions. As a result, wine companies began to cultivate more local Greek varieties.
J. Boutari and Son, which

employs most of the new breed of foreign-trained wine-makers, now leads this trend with a million square metres of vineyards and fields throughout the country and wineries at Naousa and Goumenissa in northern Greece, Pikermi north of Athens, Nemea in the Peloese, and on the islands of

Santorini, Paros and Crete.

"Appellation wines, they are a gift from the gods," says
John Boutari, a third-generation producer.

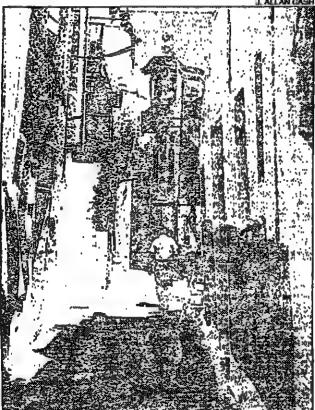
Greece is blessed with many varieties of its own and a soil that in seven out of every ten years produces "vintages much above average by inter-national standards, Mr Antonopoulos says.

With its innate varieties and soils and the introduction of new technologies and quality control, Greek wine is now much better than supposed,

During the next five years, wine-producers will conduct an image-building campaign that they believe could make wine the most valuable export in Greek agriculture.



Old ways die hard: the colourful tradition of pressing grapes continues in Corfs



Mediterranean mood: Khania on the island of Crete

Battle of Crete arrive from Britain, Australia and New Zealand for a fiftieth anniversary commemora-tion next spring, the islanders will be doing their best to prove that quality tourism has reached their corner of Greece, Western Crete, where German parachutists staged the first airborne invasion in 1941, remained off the beaten track for vears, even after tourists started coming in droves to other parts of the island. The area still has only a

few large hotel complexes. The region acquired a reputation for backpacking. Walkers and birdwatchers enjoy tramping through the White Mountains, split by one of Europe's longest and most spectacular ravines, the Samaria gorge. Long stretches of yellow sand on the south coast are rarely crowded because some of the roads, originally built by the German occupiers, are dusty and potholed

However, Khania, the district capital, has acquired a polish lacking in other Cretan ports. Its medieval waterfront, flanked by stone mansions of recognisably Venetian ancestry, is lined with bars and restaurants where the waiters are as likely to be Scandinavian as

## The new hotels that could bring tourism up to date

Greek. Traditional tavernas run by fishermen's families flourish around an inner harbour, though their customers seem to drink as much whisky as ouzo.

The real tourism advance is in hotels. The town of Khania and its surroundings offer some of the most comfortable small establishments to be found in Greece. A restored Venetian nobleman's mansion standing high above the harbour has just eight rooms, furnished in the traditional Cretan style. A guesthouse in a narrow alleyway features a handful of rooms all furnished with four-poster beds.

The former German consulate, a handsome 19th-century building, has been renovated as an eightroom hotel by its owners, the Naxakis family, who have installed a large swimming-pool in the walled garden. They left intact an enormous concrete bath standing on a dais near by. It was built for Rommel when he stopped off in Crete to rest after the German defeat at El Alamein.

"Our house was taken over by the Germans as a club for officers during the occupation and the family moved next door," Irene Naxakis says. "We decided to

unusual kind of hotel." The trend towards transforming old-fashioned homes into small hotels for more affluent travellers grew out of the Greek Tourist Organisation's traditional settlements programme for attracting visitors to out-of-the-way places.

renovate the old home as a rather

There are now about 50 mountain and island villages in which groups of houses have been converted and furnished in local styles. They range from a monastery at Monemyasia, a rocky medieval fortress linked to the coast of the eastern Peloponnese by a causeway, to Ottoman-style mansions at Papinon in northwestern Greece. The tourism ministry, which has long been trying to upgrade the quality of Greek facilities and services to lure more highspending visitors, is delighted by private competition for the

Tourism is the country's biggest industry but it needs a tremendous amount of qualitative improvement. Private enterprise is the key to doing it," Yannis Kefaloyannis, the tourism minister, says. "We have had too many years of relying on sheer quantity.

rearly tourist arrivals grew from five million to eight million during the Eighties, but foreign exchange inflows failed to keep pace. In 1980 Greece earned \$1.6 billion (£840 million) from tourism. the figure was only \$2 billion (£1.05 billion). "We have to start providing more of the facilities that wealthier tourists want, and ones that will also extend the tourist season," Mr Kefaloyannis says.

"Marinas, golf courses and con-ference facilities are top of our development agenda."

Sailing appeals to the wealthy but despite the wide availability of yacht charters in Greece, many island harbours lack mooring space, not to mention refuelling and waste disposal facilities. A dozen marinas are under construction and Mr Kefaloyannis hopes that incentives offered under the government's revised investment law will add another 20 in the next five years.

Greece has only four golf courses and the agriculture ministry has been asked to come up with suitable sites on long-term leases. State-owned hotels belonging to the Astir and Xenia chains, which occupy some of the best locations in Greece, but are notoriously badly run, will be leased to private

It will take time, however, for Greek tourism to develop a different image, and the short-term outlook is not encouraging. The confrontation in the Gulf has seriously affected 1991 dookings d American tour operators, Americans spend twice as much on average as western European tourists in Greece, but they are also the

most likely to be scared away. ANGELIKI MOYNIHAN

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excavating a site that slopes steeply from 14 metres to 32 metres in depth. These difficulties reinforced the culture ministry's reluctance to embark

long-term project divers on its staff.

Now, however, the latest American computer technolbeing used to log finds from the prehistoric vessel by an international team, working under the umbrella of the Hellenic Institute for Marine Archaeology, a privately run

working on one of the most recovering a timber fragment. significant underwater discoveries ever made, the first Bronze Age seafaring though evidence of organised trade in the Mediterranean," says Nikos Tsouchlos, technical director of the dig.

There were doubts at first whether the Dokos find was really a shipwreck. Some people thought it might just be a cargo dumped overboard by a Bronze Age captain whose ship ran into heavy weather.

Other sceptics argued that the piled-up pottery lay so close to the shore that it could have been tipped into the sea by the inhabitants of an Early Dokos features the sophis-

#### Sea yields secrets of ancient trade GREECE's small band of summers of diving off Dokos, bellied "sauceboats", flasks, marine archaeologists took however, members of the cups and braziers. Scattered potsherds of two rod-shaped excavation team say they are

almost 15 years to win permission to explore the country's most important underwater site: a 4,000-year-old shipwreck off Dokos, an uninhabited slab of rock rising out of the Saronic Gulf near the resort island of Hydra.

The wreck was discovered in 1975 during an underwater survey carried out by the late of ballast for ancient Aegean Peter Throckmorton, an American expert who rec-

ognised the distinctive shapes cargo, why on earth would you of Helladic vases from the throw out the millstones too Early Bronze Age in a thick and risk leaving your ship encrustation on the seabed. without ballast?" Mr Tsou-This is the oldest known chlos asks. When the divers shipwreck in the Mediterra- surveyed

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The excavators admit they ogy for seabed excavation is are unlikely to find any remains of the ancient ship, because wood and other organic materials disintegrate quickly under water unless they happen to be protected by a layer of sand or silt. One section of the site is covered "It will probably take ten with a sandy deposit, so a years to complete, but we are slight possibility does exist of

> Little is known of Early several schematic illustrations of ships appear on contemporary pottery from the Cycladic Islands.

"It looks as though vessels of that period were at least 25 metres long, with a raised stern, and were powered by oars. We have no evidence for sails being used in the third Victos, a specialist on ancient ships who is working on the Dokos project.

over 450 square metres, the sherds illustrate the full range of wares known from the period, and bear a close antiquity near Lavrion, on the resemblance to material from

evidence was the discovery of Mr Vichos believes the ship may have been following an established trade route south from Athens, working a course through the Saronic Guif islands to the coast of the eastern Peloponnese.

Sea transport, he points out, was the only practicable way of carrying fragile goods for long distances in prehistoric

The discovery among the

Use of the sonic high accuracy ranging and positioning system (Sharps), developed at

the Institute for Nautical Archaeology at Texas A and M University, speeds up the divers' job of recording the location of every object on the seabed. Three transceivers, which transmit and receive high-frequency acoustic signais, are attached to poles

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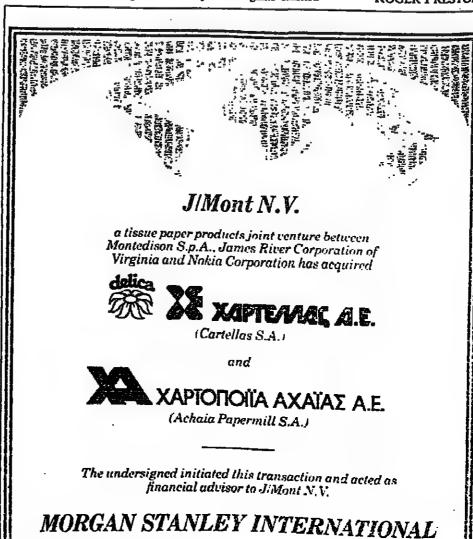
lead ingots, each weighing the diver, who points it to-about half a kilogram, sup-wards an artefact. The signals wards an artefact. The signals are transmitted to a personal computer operated from a floating barge above the wreck. A map of every section of the site is traced on the

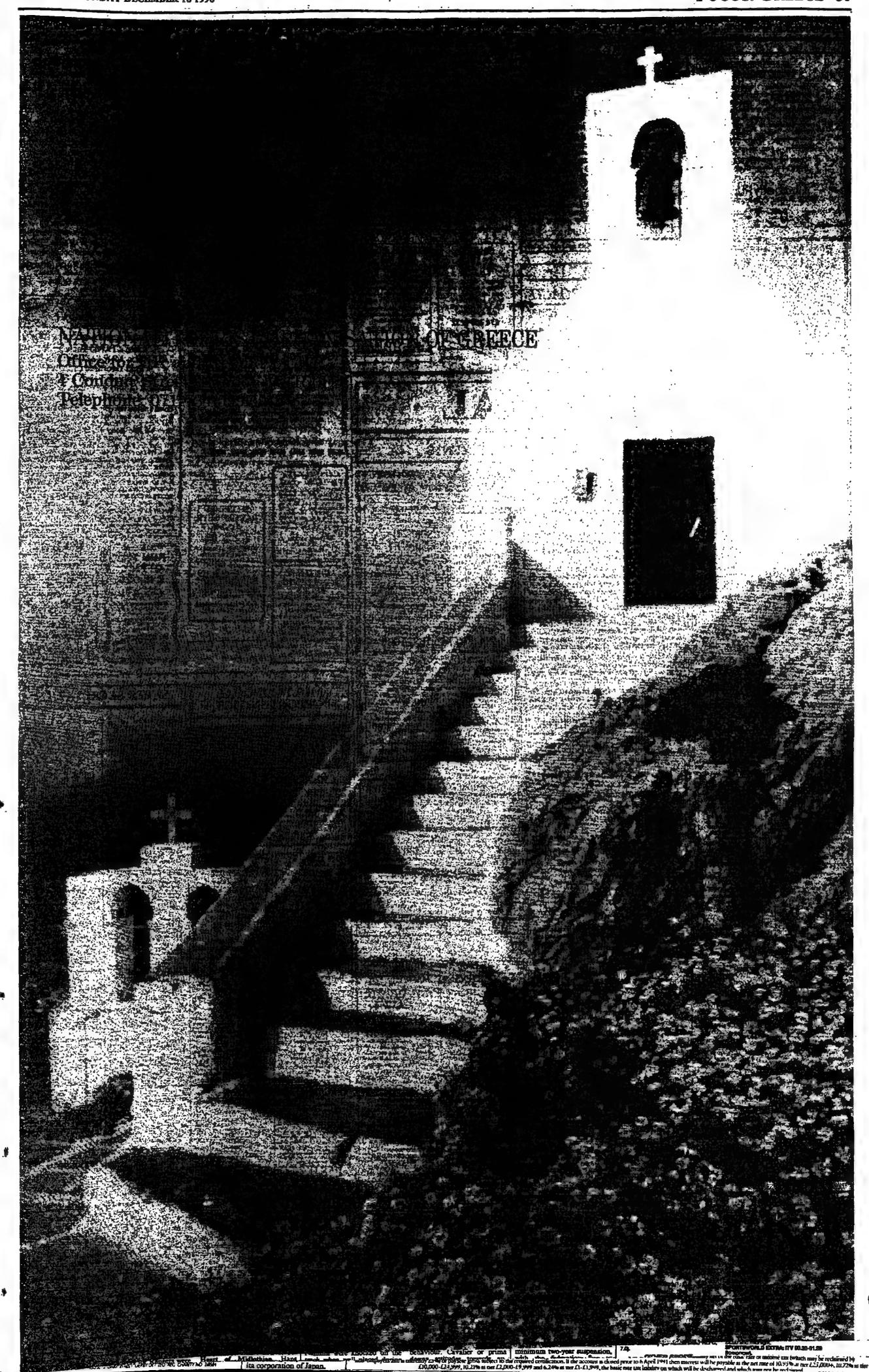
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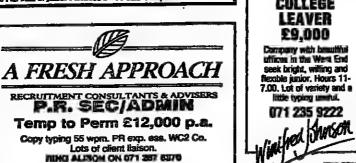
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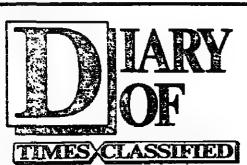
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# A team of all the talents is shaken but not yet stirred

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LONDON have yet to win a divisional match against the South and South-West when playing in the West Country, so success in this season's ADT championship is far from cut and dried, though they remain the only unbeaten side. Weather permitting, they travel to Gloucester next weekend, breathing heavily after defeating the Midlands on Saturday at the Stoop Memorial ground by two goals, a try and three penalty goals to three goals and two

Hailed as the team of all the talents, London had to summon all their experience to quash the Midland challenge in a match far better than we had a right to expect in the bitter weather, though the pitch was in good condition and no rain fell during the game. An hour had passed before they took the lead for the first time and at that stage they were happy merely to play the game in the Midland half, knowing that a hardearned forward supremacy would prevent a breakout.

It was that domination which led the Midland selectors to wear an air of resignation after the game. "London read our game and brought it back to us," Peter Rossborough, the coach, said. "They did to us by the end what we had been doing to them. The longer the game went on, the more the old hands came into their own; when the pressure came the experience started to tell and the strength of people like Ackford and Winterbottom

came into it." The players might not agree entirely with that assessment; it was critical that the Midands lost Wells, their blindside flanker, on the half-hour with a damaged knee ligament. His work with Richards

scrum half, is the hinge of penalties and converted all everything the Midlands have tried to do in this championship. Moon, too, was forced to leave the field with ten minutes to go, dazed after a bang in the face, which produced the situation of R. H. St. J. B. Moon being replaced by R. H. Q. B. Moon, his older brother.

In a match where the final advantage was so slight, the importance of such detail becomes enhanced, and though the Midland central defence had been unhinged by a delightful try early in the game, it remained sturdy enough to ensure that, for all their territorial domination of the last half-hour, London made singularly few try-scoring opportunities.

Their eventual success materialised via the woodwork and the referee, Fred Howard; faced with a 24-13 deficit, Andrew kicked two penalties off an upright (the first of which barely made it) and Howard then awarded a penalty try when Harriman was obstructed by Potter in pursuit of his own kick ahead.

Howard was in no doubt that Harriman's pace, with only ten metres to go, would have taken him to the ball ahead of two corner-flagging Midland defenders, a view supported by Ed Morrison, his touch judge. Had he awarded a penalty, or had Harriman kept the ball in hand and touched down in the corner, leaving Andrew with a difficult conversion, it would have been interesting to see how London would have varied their tactics had they still

trailed at that stage.
But the excellence of this match was that so much was purposeful and well-planned: the Midlands carried the game to London in the first half and, though they knew what to expect, the holders were unprepared for the intensity of it.

Hodekinson's place-kicking was quite exceptional; with a difficult wind blowing across



Midland man in a moddle: Hackney's wings clipped and double-clipped by Winterbottom (No. 7) and Andrew

# Rearranged tie may be academic

By DAVID HANDS

THE ADT divisional champ-ionship match between the North and the South and South-West, postponed on Saturday after a torrential downpour waterlogged the West Hartle-pool pitch, will probably be played on December 22 at a venue to be confirmed.

The South-West arrived in Teesside after a bumpy flight but during mid-morning, heavy rain and driving sleet so affected the playing surface that the match had to be called off less than an hour before the start. Were London to beat the Southbe outright champ-winners and the result

of any same played sub-sequently would be irrelevant, though not in the context of a

In any event the England plan to announce the national training squad on December 19. Geoff Cooke, the team manager who was snowed in at Bradford over the weekend, confirmed that the players involved must be told so they can make arrangements for time off over the period in January when the squad will be in Lanzarote.

Will Carling, the England optain who withdrew late on captain who withdrew late on Priday from Loudon's game optimistic be will be fit by Saturday. He watched the game at the Stoop memorial ground, when Damian Hopley took his place at inside centre and John Buckton came into the XV at outside centre.

The game included a comparatively unusual application by the referee, Fred Howard, of law 26 as it relates to misconduct on the field. London scored a pushover try and Paul Ackford, the Harlequins and England lock, addressed some disparag-ing remarks to the Midland forwards which Howard inter-preted as "demeaning" and liable to create an inflamed

kling of snow on the pitch and several Wanderers suggested the

match should not start. Their misgivings were justified, but it was not the conditions that

was not the conditions that undid them, simply the fire of the Newbridge players. Their driving forward play brought three tries for their lock, Allen, a

Wales discard, and one apiece for his fellow lock, Collins, and

the hooker, Waters. The zest

with which they played also set up tries for Rees and Harries.

try and converted it for Wander-

ers early in the second half, but any thoughts that Wanderers

were going to profit from the ever-strengthening wind were

Allen burst free of the milling throng twice to score his final tries, and when Harries con-

verted the last the referee must

punch-drunk visitors and seen they had had enough. SCORERS: Newbridge: Tries: Allen (3), Colins, Rees, Waters, Harries, Conversions: P Williams, Harries (2), Pounding Wandersen: Try: Goodfellow. Conversions Goodfellow.

acting under the law that states that it is illegal for a player to "commit any misconduct on the playing area which is prejudicial to the spirit of good sportsman-ship", penalised Ackford by ship", penalised Ackford by restarting play with a penalty to the Midlands which Simon Hodgkinson miskicked. Since London won by only one point, it could have been a costly outburst by the normally-restrained Ackford.

• The champions, Lancashire, and North Midlands have rearranged their ADT county match for December 18 at the

The game was called off or

#### Harlequins stalwart dies at 58

JOHN Currie, the former chair man of Harlequins, whose play-ing partnership with David Marques in the second row of England sides of the 1950s

England sides of the 1950s became the stuff of legend, died on Saturday (David Hands writes). He was 58.

Currie, a recruitment manager, who was on the Harlequins and Middlesex committees, was travelling to Loughborough to collect David, one of his three children from university. He children, from university. He was taken ill during the journey and was found to be dead on arrival at hospital in Leicester. He won 25 England caps, the first in 1956 when he was a student at Oxford University, the last in 1962, by which time Newbridge took full advantage of the wind in the first half to register a 30-0 lead. Goodfellow scored a breakaway he had joined Bristol. In 1957 he was a member of the England

team that won the grand slam for the first time since the second world war. Of his international appearances, 22 were in partnership with Marques, bis contem-porary at Cambridge. They played against each other in four university matches before joining forces at Harlequina, a complementary unit in which the 6ft 5in Marques jumped in the middle of the lineout while

Currie, at 6ft 3in the shorter man, played at the front. He was also that rare player, a goal-kicking tight forward. Currie was an England selector during the 1970s and became an energetic chairman of Harle-quins in 1980, a post he held for eight years, during which the playing structure of the club was radically altered to make it the

force it has now become in domestic rugby.

### No sweat as title

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# is taken by Brown

By NICOLAS SOAMES

WHEN Kerrith Brown stepped off the mat at Crystal Palace on Saturday after he won the lightmiddleweight category final of the British championships, he had not even broken into a

He had summanly taken his opponent - his Wolverhampton colleague, Fitzroy Davis - down to the ground and strangled hum to the point of unconsciousness with his legs. The devastatingly efficient.
It underlined Brown's claim

to be considered the leading Briton in his category, and it put him back on the national squad two years after he was banned for testing positive for drugs at the Olympic Games in Scoul, and opened the route to inter-nationals next year. But Brown acknowledges that

he has some way to go before he is established securely as the British light-middleweight with a real chance of medals abroad. The British team manager, Arthur Mapp, said: "There is no doubt that he warrants an international next year."

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#### Jack of ill trades jolts Lane

By DAVID RHYS JONES

CORNWALL'S disappointplace in the national intercounty championship quarter-finals was epitomised by the remarkably unlucky outcome of an on-target strike by Steve Lane at Bristol's Ashton Gate. Lane, skipping against Alan Apsey, of Somerset, buried the jack in the ditch, where he expected to score three shots, but it rebounded onto the green to give Apsey six shots.

David Bryant's return

boosted Somerset, who owed their success to the 42 shors' margin accumulated by their away rinks, skipped by Bryant's

Clevedon colleagues. Cornwall, hitherto unbeaten in group six, collapsed by 57 shots, while Berkshire, victors over Buckingharnshire and Oxfordshire, suffered a similar fate against Middlesex, whose home rinks won by 48 shots. home rinks won by 48 shots. RESULTS: Group onc: Durnam bt Northumberland, 130-118. Pestponed: Cumbris v Yorkshine. Group two: Postponed: Derbyshine v Northingsamshine; Lancashine v Leicastershine Group threat Cambridgeshine bi Northampoursere, 134-106. Norfolk bi Lincohshine, 128-63; Easex bt Heritordishine, 122-03. Group five: Postponed: Warwickshine v Heritordishine, 122-105. Group str. Somerset bi Comwall, 155-99; Devon bi Dorsat, 132-95. Group sevena, Middlesex bi Berkshine, 138-82; Euckmohamshire bir Confordshire, 138-90. Group eight: Hampshire bi Sussen, 127-108, Surrey bt Kent, 119-105.

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#### strength of Rupert Moon at the pitch, he drilled over two Neath allowed to walk on by midriff. He scored the second

By GERALD DAVIES

NOT AT any stage did Cardiff look like giving anything re-motely pear a proper challenge to Neath's supremacy in Welsh

Cardiff

Swansea

Pontypool ....

that was to come.

rugby. Cardiff, who were thought capable of at least denting Neath's reputation, fi-nally quivered at the prospect, bent the knee, doffed their cap and, with an altogether inferior performance, simply allowed Neath to pass by. The blue and black jerseys

are, as it were, like a red rag to the bullish boys from the Gnoil. fancied their chances against urday, curiously, the visitors were cast as the underdogs. were cast as the underdogs, lovely try but one which was which was very much to their made to look easy by Cardiff's

PONTYPOOL'S week of woe

was completed by a record-breaking defeat at the hands of a

rampaging Swansea side at Saint Helens. Kevin Moseley, who

resigned as captain from the

club last week, must have had a

premonition of the nightmare

Swansca are the most enig-

matic side in Welsh rughy.

liking, knowing full well there could not be any foundation to this role. And they systemati-cally unravelled a team which, as the match progressed, was found to have nothing whatso-

It might even be said that the home team could have sighed with relief that they lost to only three goals and two penalties. They can thank the wind, the cold and the late flurries of snow for limiting Neath's ambitions.
The visitors exposed the

home team's weaknesses in the fourth minute. From the lineout, which they were to dominate, Williams peeled, Gareth Llewellyn and Phillips supported, and Bridges, without much effort, penetrated what was left of the fingertip tackling to score near the posts. It was a

this was Swansea at their best.

Surely rugby league cannot match this as a spectacle, and the sport's authorities need only point to it to promote the game. Swansea scored 12 tries, six in each half. It is difficult to pick

out an individual performance because each man played his

occause each man peayed his role. However Reynolds, the flanker, was the catalyst at forward and Titley, the right winger, displayed his speed and

He scored three tries, as did

Backs and forwards combined to produce a performance of brilliance, with individual and team skills evident to dramatic effect.

tightened throughout the dark afternoon. That their scrum looked unbelanced from early on made Cardiff's prospects even bleaker. There was nowhere to turn.

penalised for rugby's equiva-lent of cricket's "sledging".

Thereafter, though, the

was able to ensure that the

Midlands constantly retreated

and he whittled away their

lead with the self-possessed air

which London, as a team, wore. Shaken they were but

Penelty goels: Hodgkinson (2).
LONDON CYNSCR: IF Figure (Waspa); A
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Lucton (Harteguires); J Leonewick, B Moore
(Harteguires), J Probye (Waspa), W Basner, P Actional (Harteguires), E Deer
(Rosslyn Park), P Winterbattons (Hartequires), D Ryam (Waspa).

Paul Thorburn, even though be failed to get the measure of the wind in his line kicking, still managed to add substantially to his chub's winning ways. A couple of penalties and three conversions brings his total to 1 14 points in the championship. As a measure of how well things are going for him these days, one huge kick from his own 22 metre line landed on the opposing 22 but 15 metres in-field. Yet the ball bounced checkily and conveniently at a right angle and into touch.

Paul Jackson was another player who had a fine game and tore into Cardiff's too delicate

Taylor, the left winger, with Clement, the full back, and Reynolds getting two each. Jones, the flanker, and Hopkins, the centre, supplied the others, with Jones, the scrum half, licking cir conversions and a

with Jones, the scrum half, kicking six conversions and a penalty. For Pontypool, Parry, the full back, kicked two forlorn

Pontypool were in danger from everywhere on the park. Swansea had obviously not read the script which states that

Heineken League matches are supposed to be different to the

end-of-season, throw everything about, exhibition rugby. They ran the ball right from the kick-off. So often teams leave it until

try after Evans and Thorburn had exchanged penalties. After a free kick Jackson stood off the ensuing ruck and charged his way over, carrying several bod-ies on his back. With Thorbura converting this and adding another penalty the contest was truly over by half-time.

Late in the game, Latty hacked on a loose bell to get a try for which Thorburn again added

the extra points.

SCORERS Condition Penalty: D Evens. Number C Bridges, P Jackson, C Lety, Conversions P Thorburn (3): Penalty goale P Thorburn (2). CARDINF: M Rayer; S Ford, M Ring, M Hatl, C Thomas; D Evens, P John; S Biackmons, I Greenslade, P Edwards, R Collins, M Edwards, S Roy, R Lakin (rept T Circustra), Fl Stons.

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entertaining. But Swansea are Swansea and next week they could be the Jekyll to Saturday's

Super show by unstoppable Swansea the final 10 minutes to do this, usually in desperation, but Swansea have showed everyone how it should be done and that league rugby can be exerciting and

#### Try-thirsty pack rue call of time he'd have let it go to the finish By BRYAN STILES ... "one Newbridge man said, reflecting on victory by three goals, four tries, and two penalty Newbridge ... goals to one goal. One look at the heavy sprin-

Giamorgan Wanderers.. 6

WHEN your team rattles up 40 points you would expect every club official to include in some back slapping then down the sponsor's ale with relish. Spirits were high but there were those who grumbled as they thawed out at the end of the bar in the Newbridge clubhouse. They grieved about the tries that got after Robert Davies. way long after Robert Davies, the referee, abandoned this match 17 minutes into the second half.

Few neutral observers - a rare breed in Wales — would have quarrelled with Mr Davies's decision to call off this onesided spectacle with a raging snow storm sweeping the Wel-fare Ground and with New-

bridge so far ahead.

If it had happened in the good. If it had happened in the good old days of non-league rugby last season Newbridge would have been happy to shepherd the spectators back into the barearly to give the takings a boost. But those who imbibe the Heineken brand of rugby in Wales have to be prepared for happoners.

hangovers. The game lasted long enough for the result to stand but Newbridge are staggering at the

bottom of the premier barrel, along with the Wanderers and Abertillery, and a bigger try-count would give them more We were just getting our

# Wanderent: Try: Goodfellow. Conversion: Goodfellow. NEWBRIDGE: D. Rees: A. Harries, C. Marley, M. Keyhos, J. Westwood; P. Wilsams, F. Wilsams; D. Crane, K. Wazer, S. Jentons, N. James, A. Allen, A. Cotins, P.

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Carless, P Prickett, A Morgan, N Jones, S
Legge, P Thomas, D Clarke,
Referee; R G Davies (Durward).

#### second wind and another seven tries was on the cards. If only WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

#### When they are bad they are dreadful, but when they are good they are irresistible, and Late tries bring colour to error-ridden game and fierce commitment which

London Irish Select...... 6 Queensland ...... 16

THE last time Queensland came this way, in 1986. Andrew Slack's squad had to endure temperatures below freezing at Blackheath and freezing rain in Ulster. Slack, now retired but on holiday here, and Queensland seemed to have a penchant for arriving in grim weather.
The climate at Sunbury yesterday resembled the Queensland coast only in the close proximity of a roaring log fire in the bar. Those tourists not needed yesterday hogged that

heat while their colleagues struggled in their first compenitive match since September. Queensland were engaged in a spoiling, error-ridden match until they got into some sort of form in the last quarter. Then, two tries in the final eight minutes secured victory by a

goal, a try and two penalty goals to two penalty goals.

Queensland had a big kicking outside half in Bray, who used almost all his side's possession to gain ground. But it was the

caught the eye.

A cut head forced Nasser's retirement. Eales, a lively replacement scored the push over try which finally nudged Queensland clear with eight minutes left.

Then, from second phase possession Slanery made a halfbreak, Herbert took it on and Carozza put Siganiyavi over wide out. Bray had kicked penalty goals in the twelfth and 55th minutes. Bray missed two other but did convert Eales's try.

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CRICKET

# West Indies should cruise in as middle order steadies boat

remaining. West Indies are as sure as can be of winning the third and deciding Test match at the Gaddafi Stadium here. Only rain can save Pakistan now, and there is as much chance of that as there would be of snow holding up a Test

As it happens, when play ended on Saturday batting was being made to look easier than at any time in the match; but not too much notice should be

After West Indies, in their second innings, had had a fearful struggle to get to 47 for four, Hooper and Logie played so well that Pakistan, handicapped by an unjury to Wasim Akram, went to pieces. The pair added an unbroken 81 in

Even if he had been allowed to patch up the pitch yesterday, the groundsman could still have done no more than ingly inevitable demise. , in the New Year Test of 1954, the Melbourne curator found that he, too, had produced a rapidly disintegrating pitch, he gave it a surreptitious

unauthorised watering - a thorough sprinkling anyway over the weekend in the hope of sealing it. This worked, in fact, to England's advantage by improving things for their second innings. By the time Australia went in again, needing 240 to win, the cracks had reopened and Tyson and Statham bowled them out for 111. On what already resembles a dirt track here, Pakistan flash point which the presence will do well to make even as of a Pakistan team could many as that in their second

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fewe ងបុក runs, and with two days' play considers essential if cricketers are to give of their best from the start to finish of a Test match, So did Bernard Thomas, who knows as much as anyone about keeping sportsmen up to the mark, having tuned the team's muscles on many an MCC tour. I remember how cross Eng-

land were when first told that they would have to play five days off the reel in Australia because that was what the television people wanted. Now, for equally commercial reasons, England have come round to doing the same thing. To their dismay, the West Indians have been told that in four of their five Tests in England next summer, there will be Sunday play and consequently no rest day.

Things look like being very different for Pakistan, who may well find that after this present match they have no months. Because of the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand in February/March 1992, England have already excused themselves from touring Pakistan next winter, and it seems unlikely that Pakistan will be going to India next month, to play five Test matches, as they are scheduled

Although officially that tour is still on, unofficially it is being seen as an unnecessary and unwarrantable risk to send a Pakistan team to India at the moment. Many feel that there is enough trouble there already between Hindu and Muslim without the extra represent. What an irony, that Mohammad

Azharuddin, India's captain, should be a Muslim. Waight, the West Indian Some might say that there is physiotherapist (he has been not much cricket going on in

Sri Lankans end tour

with one-day triumph

ALREADY leading by 302 with them for 12 years). Pakistan even now. So far, only 164 overs have been bowled in the third Test match in three virtually cloud-

> at this time of year each day's start (timed for 10am) is predictably delayed. Play began 20 minutes late on the first day, 45 on the second, and 35 on the third. The close (timed for 4.25pm) is always early, owing to the twilight. With the West Indians bowling only 14.2 overs in 85 minutes on Saturday morning, and Pakistan playing for time from lunchtime onwards, we had a 49-over day.

less days. Because of the dew

Because of the pitch there will still be a result, but that should not stop the Pakistan board from never playing another Test match in Lahore in December. Had the first Test been in Lahore and this one in Karachi, rather than the other way round, I am assured that the problems of

WEST HIDES: First Innings 200 134 Wasim Akram 4 for 61

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-11, 3-33, 4-34 5-45, 6-53, 7-103, 6-120, 9-121.

#### Counties told to avoid bad pitches

MARGAO, India (AFP) - Sri Lanks salvaged some pride from a disastrous tour of India

Aravinda de Silva and Arjuna Ranatunga, the captain, powered their team to the target with an unbroken stand of 79 for the fourth wicket after India had struck early blows to reduce Sri Lanka to 58 for three.

De Silva, who scored a cen-tury in the first international in Nagour on December 1, continued his good form with a brilliant 63. Coming in at 24 for two, he defied the ludian spinners with some glorious stroke-play, hitting 11 fours on a wicket where the ball turned and bounced alarmingly. Inspired by his partner, Ranatunga played a captain's knock of 30 to secure the victory.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-31, 3-35, 4-45, 6-93, 6-105, 7-118, 3-131, 9-133.

BOWLING: Ratnayaka 6.3-3-17-2; Ramanayaka 7-4-15-3; A Ranatunga 4-0-23-0; Auurasin 10-1-38-2; Warnawara 10-1-24-2; Da Sim 3-0-2-1.

Total (3 with, 32.5 overs). Katuvithame, H Tilekeratne, mayake, D Anurasiri, C Ramanayek

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-24, 3-55. BOWLING: Kept Dev 4-0-15-1; Prabhaker 5-1-18-0; Kumble 10-1-40-1; Ayub 8.5-3-34-1; Shastri 3-0-15-0; Wessen 2-0-11-0.

COUNTIES will be ordered by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) to play matches away from their headquarters if away from their headquarters if their pitches need work to bring them up to standard. The TCCB

There is a new definition of what constitutes a good pitch.
This reads: "At the commencement the pitch should be completely dry, firm and true, providing pace and even bounce throughout, and should ideally wear sufficiently to give spin-ners some help later in the game. "The previous definition insisted on "no trace of greenness" and required groundsmen white or straw-coloured".

Derbyshire and Essex argued that it was possible to provide a true surface without it having to be straw-coloured and that they should be judged on how they played and not how they looked. Austria's Olympic champion returns to downhill skiing with a vengeance



Downhill all the way: Stock on the way to his World Cup victory in Val d'Isère on Saturday

boosted her World Cup points tally to 95 out of 100. Wolf moved up to second on 35 with

It was the first sweep of the

first three places in World Cup super-giant slalom for Austrian women and their triumph ham-

mered bome their threat to dominate the season in the

# Kronberger's fifth Curry has victory is history

ALTENMARKT (Reuter) - Petra Kronberger became the first woman to secure victories in all World Cup disciplines

when she won a super-giant sialom yesterday.

The World Cup overall champion led an Austrian clean sweep of the first three places with a near-perfect run down the 1,760-metre Kaelberloch course for her third win in four races

Her time of Imin 28.56sec placed compatriot, Signid Wolf. Another Austrian, Anita Another Austrian, Anita Wachter, was third in 1:30.00, "I was keyed up knowing this could make history and I was nervous at the start," Kronberger, whose previous best in a World Cup super-giant

slalom was third, said. The Austrian trio pushed the into fourth place. Merle, who skied down the 40-gate course first, clocked 1:30.21 with Diann Roffe, of the United States, fifth in 1:30.54.

Kronberger, second behind the German, Karin Gutensohn, in the opening downhill on Saturday, won the slalom and giant slalom last week in Val Zoldana, Italy.

Poor visibility troubled many skiers, including Kronberger, but the winner acknowledged living up to the reputation as the

REBUS. Tile Deweldt: 1, 1K. Guismachn (Ger), 1min 52.93esc; 2, P. Kronberger (Austria), 1:53.09; 3, K. Lae-Carrtner (Carl), 1:53.75; 4, K. Dedter (Ser), 1:54.02; 5, S. Gareter (Austria), 1:54.11; 8, C. Merle (Pr), 1:54.25; 7, H. Zurthrigger (Switz), 1:54.95; 6, B. Santhaler (Austria), 1:54.45; 2, V. Wellinger (Austria), 1:54.55; (Austria), 1:54.53; slalom was third, said.

The Austrian trio pushed the French World Cup super-giant talom champion, Carole Merle, who has returned from injury, into fourth place. Merle, who skied down the 40-gate course first, clocked 1:30.21 with Diann Roffe, of the United States, fifth in 1:30.54.

Kronberger, second behind the German, Karin Gutensohn, 2017.

Kronberger, second behind the Opening downhill on Saturday, won the slalom and giant slalom last week in Val Zoldana, Italy.

Her victory on Sunday

Super (Austria), 154.18; 8, C Meric (Pr.), 154.28; 194. A Heast (Pr.), 154.23; 7, H Zurbrigger (Switz), 154.26; 9, V West (Pr.), 154.25; 7, H Zurbrigger (Switz), 154.26; 9, V West (Austria), 154.18; 9, V West (Austria), 154.18; 195.48; 10, A Heast (Switz), 26.45pts; 2, E Breen (US), 26.10; 3, Butcher (US), 26.10; 3, Butcher (US), 26.10; 3, Butcher (US), 26.10; 3, World (US), 120.55; 6, Carenson, 25; 4, Wachier, 28; 5, Gaterson, 25; 3, R Open (US), 26.10; 3, 13, R Open (US), 26.10; 3, World Cup (US), 26.10; 3, 13, R Open (US), 26.10; 3, World Cup (US), 26.10; 3, 13, R Open (US), 26.10; 3, World Cup (US), 26.

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TENNIS

# to settle

JILLY Curry sustained her run in World Cup freestyle skiing with a silver medal in the combined event at Tignes. Correspondent writes).

Curry, from Surrey, who won old medals in the combined at a Plagne last week and La Clusaz in the concluding com-petition last season, missed out on a third win after a poor mark in the serials. "Although second place is a good result, I am very disappointed not to have won guess I'm getting greedy,"

place to the Winter Olympics with an eighth place in the ballet, which qualifies her for the demonstration event in 14 months' time. Curry and Julia. Snell had aiready qualified.

REAL TENNIS

TABLE TENNIS

### New pair of boots makes a world of difference to Stock

From Brian James in Val d'Isère

must wait some more time. We

edge." He had a theory to

explain why it will become

the top 20, to take over with any ease. For too many seasons officials make the courses too

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One of the uglier fallers into the fence was an Italian with a

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wax designed for a coldish run.

Two of Britain's trio, Graham

Bell (32nd) and Ronald Duncan

(36th), planted themselves firmly in the bunch from which

ear lengths — out of the points

back from his knee operation

but having warned earlier that he is only 90 per cent fit and 80

All these Britons are now under the care of Hans Ane-

THOSE of us with sufficient think we tell them today they emory can recall standing at the foot of an American mountain watching an entirely unknown Austrian, Leonard Stock, win the 1980 Olympic mhill and observe the world media racing in circles asking itself: "Where did he come from?" This weckend Stock caused a similar commotion within the first World Cup season, but now the een these past 10 years?"

A ski weekend that was supposed to breathe new life into the troubled sport was the dead. In the case of the Canadian, Brian Stemmle, who had been taken from his last race nearly two years ago straight into intensive care, this was almost literally true. He was nearly speechless after returning nearly speechless after returning to the sport with a run that took him into tenth place and champ-ionship points. "Believe this, a year ago, when I was still learning to walk again? I wouldn't have believed it last week!" he managed at last.
The bigger headlines,

The bigger headlines, of course, rightly belonged to Stock, aged 32. Starting in 27th place, he abandoned the line he ad taken in practice and charged within the times posted by his fancied team-mate, Wirnsberger, and the experi-enced Swiss, Heinzer, for

oy skiing was on days when the kies were so blue, there was "That guy will never ever win a World Cup downhill." This,

his life: "Injuries. My hip, my shoulder, my knee, my back, my doing some daft dance. "Then two years ago I changed my boots, put a different feel to my skiing. And at last I win a race. But then I get ill. I lose six kilos. I am weak."

After such a catalogue it was becoming tempting to ask why he had not retired, say when he Olympic teams or when this year, well into his 33rd year, he was made to qualify in preseason training on the glaciers -

you always think such a day will come again."

His team-mate, Wirnsberger, wore a smile of matching brilliance. "There has been much talk of the new young ones. I to 156 86:38, F Dincen, 15974; 56, M Bed, 2007, Density platings (15974; 56,

Alpine cuts planned VAL D'ISÈRE (Reuter) – Plans to reform the Alpine World Cup said midweek races would be cut

SPEED SKATING

by cutting the number of faces as far as possible, while stricter and eliminating midweek rules would be imposed on events have been announced by prospective World Cup venues.

The announcement came as The FIS president, Marc Hodler, said the number of events may be reduced from 34 this winter to 28 in Olympic and the re-yesterday.

#### YACHTING

#### **Faultless** display by Martin

By BARRY PICKTHALL JOHN Martin, the South Af-

rican, has done no wrong on the second stage of the BOC Challenge, the single-handed round the world race, since leading the fleet out of Cape Town two wecks ago.

Yesterday, his 60ft yacht, Allied Bank, was the fastest on the track through the Southern Ocean to Sydney, Australia, making 11.5 knots to increase her lead to 372 miles. A day and a half behind him, the two Frenchmen, Alain Gautier and Christophe Auguin, together with the Australian, David Adams, fight over second place.

Seven hundred miles astern, another Frenchman, Yves Dupasquier is proving to be in another class of his own. His 50ft yacht, Servant, in which Dupasquier won the first stage of the race from Newport, Rhode Island, is 400 miles ahead of Josh Hall's second-placed division 2 entry, New Spirit of Ipswich.

The only real area of competition is in the Corinthian class. The lead has changed four times in the past 16 days, but yesterday Paul Thackaberry's 50ft Volcano, which took up the running late last week, had begun to stamp his authority with an 83-mile lead over the second-placed Robin Davie, from Entain, sailing the 42ft,

#### FOR THE RECORD

#### Long wait is rich for BAF

ATHLETICS

By DAVID POWELL

inside it was metaphorical. Only prevented by the weather from attending the annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association (AAA) in Sheffield on Saturday. Those who made it would have learned that the British Athletics Federation (BAF), the single governing body destined to rule the sport ia Britain, is to be out on ice for a further six months.

BAF was to have been

launched on April 1 but, eight years after the AAA commissioned a working party to produce a plan for one governing body, it is to be delayed again. More false starts than Linford Christie, some say. Now the blooks have now been consulted. for October I.

A slow starter it may be, but BAF will get a hefty appearance fee. "The AAA are going to launch BAF with £500,000," Tony Ward, the AAA spokesman, said. "October 1 is the first day of the next financial year, when a lot of income from television and sponsorship comes in. It was felt prudent for BAF to set off with some

strength behind it." The AAA reserves are more than £2 million but John Lister, the treasurer, said: "The future of TV athletics after the current contract ends in 1994 is unpredictable. It is vital we establish alternative sources of better ways to market our sport reliant on TV and sponsorship we have millions of fans and we do nothing for them," Ward said. Merchandise and supportwould, he added, encourage a feeling of belonging, and, presumably, raise money for BAF. Two winners, the official hinking goes, from one starter's Inndon Stil NOC

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BOBSLEIGHING PRESBRUCK: World Cup four-man behafalgh rince (two rurs): Landans: 1, Germany I (H Czudai; Bonk, Jang and Szalig). Imin 44,49ac; 62:16;52:33; 2, Switzerland I (G Wader, Gerber, Schindelhotz and Morell). 144,78 (52:16;52:34); 2, Say, 3, Austra I (F Acoel: Red., Schroll and Winder). 1:45,00 (52:80);52:40[54:38]. 1,145,41 (52:75;62:56); 5, Lirelad States I, 1:45,56 (52:73;52:82); 6, Rely R, 1:45,67 (52:73;52:94). Landing four-man World Cup standings (siter four races). 1. Appatt, 103;75, 2, Gesutto (D, 104; 3, Lot (Carr), 59; 4, General (Switz), 91; 5, Weder, 89; 6, Leonowicz (US), 86.

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NORDIC SKIING

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MATSIMOTO: World Cup event: First days Women: 500m: 1, 5 Heasthmoto (Japan), 40.50es; 2, K Shimazzak (Japan), 40.66; 3, Busin (U.S.), 40.77, 1000m: 1, Heasthmoto, Impan; 12.243, Meen: 1000m: 1, Zhelezoveld, 1:13.32; 2, T Kurohwa, 1:13.94; 3, D Besteroren (U.S.), 1:14.24, Second day; Women: 500m: 1, K Shimazzak (Japan), 40.20; 3, Blair (U.S.), 40.45; Overall (Japan), 10.20; 3, Blair (U.S.), 40.45; Overall (Japan), 40.20; 3, Blair (U.S.), 40.45; Overall (Japan), 40.20; 3, M Garbroth (Japan), 65; 3, M Garbroth (Japan), 127.66; 3, M Garbroth (Japan), 65; 3, M Garbroth (Japan), 127.65; 3, M Garbroth (Japan), 127.6 HEAL-1 ETHILS

HATFIELD HOUSE: George Wimpey British
Over-60 chemplometer: First round: S Earnes
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N. Clayton bt Alts M. Pignon, 8-2; Mrs. S.
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S. Leigh bt H. Macmioch, 8-1; W. Triggs bt B.
Pich, 8-4; D. Marin bt R. Symond, B-1; W. Copiter
bt Mrs. S. Macistanh, 8-3; Third resent: J. Tours
bt S. Leigh, 8-7; P. Danby bt W. Triggs, 8-6.
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bt J. Snow (69; 8-1, 6-4, 8-2; Doublest SentiBreits: L. Daucher and W. Davios (Aus.) bt C.
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THUNDER BAY, October: 80m World Cup green: Landows: 1, A Feider (Austria), (85.4m, 86.0), 106.9; 3, F Cecon, (9), (94.9, 86.0), 106.1; 3, F Pestin (Vigil QA.7.85.5), 103.2; 5, Zund (Siekz) (84.4, 86.5), 102.9; 6, F Jáz; (Cz.) (65.4, 86.5), 102.8.

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HOCKEY

Havant go

top after

a weekend

double

By Sydney Friskin

IN THE only Poundstrete

National League match played yesterday. Havant achieved a

runaway victory over Slough to

put themselves on top of the first division table, having al-ready beaten St Albens 2-1 on

Saturday.

Don Williams stole the day's

personal honours by scoring three goals for Havant, but the

captain of the club, David Faulkner, was not far behind

after he set up the first two goals and scored the third one

Having emerged from the healing hands of the Bourne-mouth Football Club physiotherapist, Faulkner appeared to have recovered fully from the thousest injury that had placesed.

shoulder injury that had plagued him while on duty in Mel-bourne. He also played against

St Albans on Saturday.
The Slough defence looked so vulnerable that Havant ran up a 4-0 lead within 12 minutes, and

it was only after Barber had converted two short corners that

the visitors began to make a

It was some time, however, before Barber found his rhythm, After Slough had conceded two

But Barber revived interest by

converting short corners in the 27th and 35th minutes, and

Havant took up the running

goal, and eventually created the

Hounslow

forced to

fight back

By SYDNEY FRISKIN THE management committee of the Poundstretcher National

League faces a big problem working off a backlog of 16 postponed matches brought

about either by snowbound

pitches or the inability of teams

to travel in adverse weather

Teddington did exceptionally well on Saturday to hold the

Two goals by Robert Skinner,

Two goals by Robert Skinner, the first from a short corner, were not enough for Isca who lost 3-2 at home to Old Loughtonians. Barker, Halls, from a short corner, and Krishman also from a short corner, replied for Old Loughtonians, Skinner reducing the lead three minutes before

the lead three minutes before

lead by the end of the first haif, eventually defeated Bromley 4-

2. Love scored from two short corners for Southgate, Soma Singh also from a short corner

and Welch adding to the score.

Barnet and Coombes scored in

Havant had to work hard for their 2-1 win over St Albans.

Hill converted a short corner in the 41st-minute and Williams

added to the score in the 66th-

minute. Degroot reduced the

lead a minute later for St Albans

from a short corner. Hill brought his total of goals for the

with the leading scorer, Kulbir

the premier division of the Peroni South League after their

2-1 win on Saturday over

Bolsover scored for Eastcote.

Warren Shave replying for

Surbiton continued their triumphent march in the Pizze

Express London League with a

1-0 victory over Purley.

Anchorians. Robertson and

Eastcote tookover the lead in

Bhaura, of Indian Gymkhana.

the second half for Bromley.

minutes later.

# Montpelier Lad can spearhead treble for in-form Doughty

By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS) NEALE Doughty's fine riding, for Gordon Richards in

particular, has been a notable feature of the current season. With 18 weeks gone and 25 to come, Doughty is already on the 46-winner mark which is prefer the latter, for whom only two short of his previous Richards paid 30,000 guineas season. best total for an entire season, achieved in 1983-4.

At Edinburgh today, I expect the successful Greystoke task last week whereas trainer to provide him with yet more ammunition in the form of a treble on Teacake (1.15), Montpelier Lad (1.45) and Candlebright (2.45).

In going nap on Montpelier Lad to win the Scottish Series Juvenile Championship Qualifier, I am aware that it is perfectly possible to make out a good case for backing Applianceosscience instead the two in question having both run against Longshoreman at Catterick recently.

Applianceofscience was beaten three lengths by that horse at level weights last month whereas Montpelier Lad beat him by four lengths there last Thursday when in receipt of 7lb.

A literal interpretation of post in those races gives Appliancethis afternoon now that he will be receiving 6ib from Mont-

at Newmarket in the autumn. I was struck by the ease with which he accomplished his Applianceofscience seemed to falter on the run-in.

In going for Candlebright to win the Lasswade Novices Handicap Chase I am relying upon a direct form line involving that good yardstick Moment Of Truth who has won his last four races.

In two of those he just managed to hold Mandlins Cross when giving away the better part of two stone. However, when Moment Of Truth won again at Kelso a week ago, Candlebright finished second, three lengths adrift, when in receipt of only

It will need all of Doughty's considerable skill to get. Teacake home first past the

### Warwick abandoned but prospects bright

TODAY'S meeting at Warwick was abandoned yesterday but Edinburgh is expected to go

Today's meeting at Warwick covering of snow on the track and more is forecast. Worcester state there is "a covering of major taking ahead and prospects are en-couraging for a near-normal return to action this week following the loss of three of

Saturday's four meetings.

Despite further falls of snow

Edinburgh yesterday reported "no problems" while the snow that fell on Saturday night at Sedgefield, scheduled to race tomorrow, had thawed by yes-

Worcester state there is "a good chance" of racing taking place on Wednesday, while the course at Haydock Park is "perfectly raceable".

Jack Bennett, racecourse

Despite further falls of snow yesterday, particularly in the south of England, only Warwick, in the middle of one of the worst-affected areas, has been called off so far.

Edinburgh yesterday reported

"no problems" while the snow that fell on Saturday night at Sedgefield, scheduled to race tomorrow, had thawed by yesterday morning. Plumpton will hold an inspection at 10.30 this morning to determine whether racing can go ahead tomorrow. There is a light

ofscience an obvious chance opposition is so moderate that consider the risk worth taking with a horse who has pelier Lad. However, I still been runner-up in a fair novice chase at Newcastle this

pay to follow horses ridden by Peter Niven for Mary Reveley, another successful combination latterly.

Fairways On Target, who was beaten only a neck by Antiguan Smile in his first race over hurdles after winning two bumpers at Hexham and Market Rasen, can start the ball rolling for them by capturing the EBF Novices' Hurdle Qualifier at the beginning of the programme.

Stable companion Snowfire Chap looks capable of winning the Wee Jimmy Mitchell Handicap Chase if showing the sort of form that enabled him to win the Night Nurse Trophy at Sedgefield at the end of October.

After slipping badly going into a fence in his only subsequent race on the same track, he was wisely pulled up by Niven who felt that he might have hurt his back. Happily, those misgivings proved unfounded and Snowline Chap is fine.

At her best, Miss Club Royal, who won four times last season, would prove a big threat, even under top weight, but she has failed to complete the course in both her races this autumn.

In the circumstances, River House, who was beaten three lengths by Shoon Wind on his seasonal debut at Hexham last month, could turn out the

Well that Eleven Lights should go for Mrs Reveley and Niven in the Gorebridge Handicap Hurdle, I marginally prefer the more consistent Easy Over, who has enjoyed a nice break since winning very easily at Southwell at the beginning of October.

#### Sangster to send horses to Dickinson in United States ROBERT Sangster is to restore Dickinson more horses next opinion" for the split but

years ago when Sangster re-placed Dickinson with Barry Hills as his private trainer at

Dickinson, three times cham-round ability, this is a logical pion National Hunt trainer, sent move to complement Mr Sangout just four winners from Manton before moving to Fair States and to take advantage of Hill in Maryland, Kentucky, the higher prize-money and from where he has sent out a greater opportunities which the steady flow of winners.

He will train the three-year-old filly Philharmonia, winner Dickins of two races this year and second in a listed race at Newmarket for John Hills. Valira, winner of a is sending these horses now with Southwell maiden for Barry a promise of further borses for Hills, will also join Dickinson a third horse, a recent winning two-year-old colt in the United

ms anks with Michael Dickinson and will send him three horses to train in the United States with the promise of more to come.

The move re-establishes a good location, ideal for bridging the gap between Europe and the two group-race successes. He

States.
"With Michael Dickinson showing an impressive overall strike rate and sustained, all-

tracks around Fair Hill Dickinson, back in Britain to visit his family, said: "We are absolutely delighted that Robert

training in 1991. We are con-

has 20 horses in his care.

While in England, Dickinson visited Manton for the first time since he left the multi-million pound Wiltshire training complex. "I spent two days there looking round and I was very impressed with all the gallops. Barry Hills and his gallops man bave them in excellent shape,"

The future of Manton is still unresolved. Sangster is hopeful that Hills can buy the complex and has given the trainer until February to raise the £12 million asking price.

Dickinson, linked with a profills, will also join Dickinson.

Sangster is negotiating to buy fident that they will receive posed bid this time last yes posed bi posed bid this time last year, reiterated that he has no interest



# Aga Khan says Britain should look to Europe

intrinsic, local difficulities which

needed to be tackled but simply addressing them within

that context is not going to be

The Aga believes a European-

wide forum or enquiry must be established to examine the

future of the sport. "It has to be

an entrepreneurial forum. It

used to be a magnificent sport

without any entrepreneurial concepts. But to me the in-

dustry's long-term ability to

mutual has a monopoly, where it has to share betting with the bookies or where bookies are allowed to do what they want.

"You are entering into a highly complex domain. My sense is that if the British industry wants to been the LORD Harrington, senior stew-ard of the Jockey Club, will deliver one of the most crucial speeches for years on racing's future when he stands up at the Gimcrack dinner in York tomorrow evening. He will attempt to point the way forward for an industry which will soon feel the full blast of recession. But with 1993 and the Single Market just round the corner, is it sufficient to concentrate on Britain's racing difficulties in deliver one of the most crucial industry wants to keep its correct position it cannot simply look inwardly towards itself. It has to say what is going to happen when western Europe becomes a common market Britain's racing difficulties in with all the rights and freedoms of 1993 onwards.

The Aga Khan has already delivered one highly effective blast at Britain's racing "So, rightly or wrongly, my tendency would have been to look at the wider dimension first and then try to plot within that wider dimension where the various components of British

blast at Britain's racing establishment in the past week by withdrawing all his horses from training here.

In an interview with The Times, he fired a second broadside by warning of the dangers of British racing looking inwardly at its problems, and the need for a fundamental reorganisation of the sport throughout Europe.

While he believes the approach Lord Zetland adopted in highlighting the need to take a total view of racing was correct "my instinct would have been to take it outside Britain".

"I would have started by

"I would have started by saying what is going to be the profile of the thoroughbred industry in western Europe after movement of professionals, what happens under the labour laws, what happens to the movement of capital, to scientific administration, and to besting?

betting?

"Otherwise if you don't look at it from that point of view you get every segment of the industry fighting for its own back garden, and I suspect that will

survive exists within an entrepreneurial context "You will no longer know what professionals are allowed to do in what pert of the common market; you will no "You have to then come back to what I would call basic probabilities. What one is look-ing at is the probabilities of the reasonably competent, the longer know where the pari-

reasonably qualified, being financially self-sustained. "They have to be able to look at their activities year after year and they have to know if they do a good job - that their financial survival is secure, is under-

Ensuring financial security for racing's professionals sounds fine in practice. But how is it

achieved?

"By a long, careful study of the economic forces in play today and how you reorganise them. To me it is a fundamental reorganisation of racing on a European basis, including its financial institutions, its insurance — all the economic pillars of racing.

"Everything that has a fun-

"Everything that has a fun-damental impact on the economics of the industry has "It may be rather theoretcial got to be looked at through a magnifying glass." Fundameutal changes must follow.

As an example, he highlights the use — or lack of it — made of racing's infrastructure, includas an approach, rather sca-demic; some would say it is not practical. But it is the only way I would know how to set up a multi-road network with all the

signposts you need, because it is ing racecourses. "I am under the impression its productivity is Racing in France, Ireland, Italy and Germany faces probcompared it with other innever function at break-even if recently, von were turning over at 20 per Oh So Risky, an impressive

Eucess.

But the delights of soon to say how good Oh So Risky might be.

Sparkling Flame, successful in three point-to-points in Ireland, windy afternoon. The Aga, un-like some, believes racing's crisis is already underway. Thirty of the 90 horses with-

#### Gifford's Arkle hero put down

COMANDANTE has been put down as a result of his slipping at Lingfield Park on Saturday.

"The vet was called in to x-ray his shoulder and he found that Comandante had fractured a shoulder," a spokesman for Josh Gifford's Findon stable said

The eight-year-old hit the top of the seventh fence in the Arlington Premier Series Chase Qualifier and spreadeagled on

The loss is a bitter blow to Gifford. Comandante had demonstrated his quality with a victory in the Arkle Challenge Trophy at last sesson's Chelten-

Certain Style, trained by Oliver Sherwood, was the beneficiary of Comandante's mishap. His owner, Paul Stamp, will sympathise with Gifford more than most as he too has had the

cent of productivity."

He has discussed his thoughts with some senior industry figures in Britain, but more so in France, where the Ciga weekend, including the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, has proved such a success.

On So RISKY, an impressive winner at Newbury on his jumping debut, confirmed that promise with a win in the Summit Junior Hurdle. David Elsworth would put it no higher than "a fairly useful performance", although he hedged his bett by adding that is used. bets by adding that it w

enoth win in the Loundes Lam-

# goals in six minutes, they were awarded two short corners, but quick dashes from the line by Nail denied Barber a clear shot at goal. Despite all Havant's territorial superiority, they had to wait until the last minute for their first short corner, by which time Slough had carned as many as six as six. Still, it was good to see Havant in full flow, particularly on the left of the field — an area most convenient for plunder

They were 2-0 up after just six minuted through Williams and Avery, and Faulkner's goal in the eleventh minute was soon followed by another from there were moments early in the second half when a couple of

shots by Slough went perilously near the mark. again, however, and Williams increased the lead to 5-2 after 41 minutes. It was only after Maskery had put a shot just wide of the far post that Williams scored Havant's sixth

Although Comandante regained his feet, his jockey, Eamon McKinley, quickly pulled him up and he was brought back in a horse ambulance. hom festival, and the trainer had high hopes of a bold display in the King George VI Rank Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day.

was another to win himself plenty of admirers with a 31/2drawn from Britain by the Aga "There's only one way for him Khan are to join John Oxx at Currabeg in Co Kildare. "There's only one way for him to go," trainer Nicky Henderson said, "and that's up."

#### conditions. As matters stand the League will be suspended after December 23, and will not be resumed until February 10 to make way for the indoor game. Irish supplementary champions Hounslew, to a 1-1 draw, taking the lead in the seventh minute through Tony Colclough. It was left to Hacker to equalise for Hounslow six

entry costs to go up From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, dublin

ROBERT Sangster, whose filly book dealing with racing and Capricciosa won this year's betting. He noted that "the Moyglare Stud Stakes, was unnight. Sangster deputed Jona-than Irwin to represent him and

This provided a piquant personality clash in that the dinner was hosted by the senior steward of the Irish Turf Club, Michael Dargan, who 12 months ago had been involved in a bitter boardroom battle for control of Goffs Bloodstock Sales with Irwin, in which the final victory went to Dargan. The senior steward, in

welcoming guests, provided a survey of the Flat season and pinpointed a significant change in the cost of making supple-mentary entries for Irish group Hamdan Al-Maktoum had to

pay Ir£60,000 to supplement Salsabil for a successful tilt at the Budweiser Irish Derby. This represented 10 per cent of the gross prize-money and for all races of this type which have yet to close the fee is being stepped up to 121/2 per cent.

betting. He noted that the Betting Act which came into force in 1931 is now 60 years out able to attend the Moyglare force in 1931 is now 60 years out dinner in Dublin on Saturday of date and it takes no account of the many changes which have come about in the intervening decades such as the introduction of evening racing and

He also pinpointed the longevity of the 1945 Racing Board Act arguing that "it is probably the major cancer of the whole industry because it is so old. When it was drafted many people still went to the races on bicycles or in pony and traps".

on the subject of bloodstock over-production. To counteract this, he suggested that "all female horses of three years or over which fail to make 2,000 guineas at public auction should tomatically lose their stud book papers".

Another idea floated by Irwin was that jockeys should ride with the cap in their own personal colours instead of the owner's colours to help racegoers with identification, "It is quite common place," he said, Irwin took for his theme the Michael Kinane, will tog out in need to modernise all the exist- six different sets of racing silks ing legislation on the statute in the course of an afternoon."

National Hunt leaders TRAINERS **JOCKEYS** 

M Pipe 65 31 22 1 -20.50	R Durnwoody 62 61 26 3 -26.53
G Richards 57 25 20 3 +32.28	P Scudemore 54 17 12 1 +10.80
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J Sinferro 28 17 1 2 +30.50	H Durnwoody 62 21 23 1 -38.82
G Macking 21 17 14 5 -20.01	J Osborns 25 15 12 3 44.05
Mrs G Raweley 20 25 10 11 -1.32	L Harvey 23 16 18 0 +18.07
P Hobbs 19 19 14 4 -18.74	L Wyer 23 12 15 5 -15.14

Saturday's Lingfield results 12.30 1, Certain Style (6-1): 2, Wink Southerly Buster 11-8 fav. 6 ran. NR: Gather (6-1): 3, Coinage (66-1). Comandate 30-190 fav. 4 ran. 230 1, Ketti (7-1): 2, Wishion (4-1): 3

FORM FOCUS ELEVEN LIGHTS 5th beaten 14th by Rendon Place (gave 25th) at Perth (2m 4t, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th So Risky (4-5 tav); 2, 55km contest at Southwell (2m, incap hide, standard), 10th Southwell (2m, inc

EDINBURGH

Selections By Mandarin

12.45 Fairways On Target. 1.15 Teacake. 1.45 MONTPELIER LAD (nap).

2.15 Snowfire Chap.

By Michael Seely 1.45 MONTPELIER LAD (nap). 2.45 Maudiins Cross. 3.15 Miami Bear. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 CANDLEBRIGHT.

Going: good to firm (back straight, good) 12.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,656; 2m) (5 runners) 1-152 FARIWAYS ON TARGET 38 (F.G) (Target Tads Ltd) Mrs G Revelsy 4-11-0 P Nives 8
200- VRNCHASE 238 (D McCune) D McCone 4-11-0 D Crossman (7)
45 WILLIE SPARILE 59 (T Hardie) Mrs S Bradburne 4-11-0 Mr J Bradburne
9 ZARBANO 19 (Mrs I Forrest) R Lumb 4-11-0 K Jones
900 ROSEWELL 19 (W Wearmouth) J Chariton 4-10-9 B Stavey

BETTUKO: 1-6 Fairweys On Target, 12-1 Vimchase, 15-1 Willie Sparkle, 20-1 Zarbano, 25-1 Rosewell. 1988: WOODCHESTER 5-10-11 D Byrne (6-4 tav) A Fourier 10 ran

FORM FOCUS FAIRWAYS ON TARget nk 2nd to Antigeuen Smile (gave 7tb) at Newcastis (2m, nov hote.
acod). VINCHASE showed best form on debut when
and besten 2% by FAIRWAYS ON TARGET (levels)
at Hecham (1m 41, NH fiat, good).

Willie SPARKLE 5th beaten 28% by Weneleydate
william (roc 7tb) at Certifies (2m, NH fiat, good).

ZARBAND 20th to Cab On Target (gave 3tb) with
ROSEWELL (rec 5tb) 16th at Keiso (2m, NH fiat, good to soft).

Selection: FAIRWAYS ON TARGET

1.15 MUSSELBURGH CLAIMING CHASE (22,052: 2m 4f) (6 runners) BETTING: 5-2 Golden Fancy, 7-2 Barony Isla, 4-1 Comedy Fair, 6-1 Teacelte, 7-1 Lightian, 8-1 Muck Or

1988: KILSYTH 10-10-8 G McCourt (11-4 jt-fav) Miss S Wilton 9 ran

FORM FOCUS TEACAKE unseated pager 7th when traveling well in contest won by Meigh Rain (gave 8th) at Harham (3m, nov ch, good); earlier last of the 5 faushers to Majic Rain (gave 1th) at Kelso (3m, nov ch, good to soft).

BARONY ISLE 5th of 7 beaten 53t by Sword Beach 1.45 SCOTTISH SERIES JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER NOVICES HURDLE

(3-Y-Q: £1,672: 2m) (4 runners) 1 MONTPELIER LAD 5 (D,F) (D Little) G Richards 11-2 N Doughty 98
6 AL FROLIC 3SF (J Gless) P Moneith 10-10 L Offices (3) N Dought 2 APPLIANCEORS 54 (Mars V Foster) G Moore 10-10 M Duyer 4 23
APPLIANCEORS 547 (J Law) Mrs J Jordan 10-10 S Savety N 13 Money 1 1 2 Money 1 2 BETTING: 1-2 Montpeller Lad, 7-2 Applianceofscience, 7-1 Al Frolic, 12-1 Martingford.

1989: JOE BUIMPAS 10-7 M Dwyer (7-1) T Barron) 11 ran FORM FOCUS MONTPELIER LAD won very easily by 41 tom Longshoreman (gave 78) are Catterick (2m, now hole, good to firm). AL FROLIC 6th beaten 231/1 by Bedfort Prince (gave 78) at Neitham (2m hole).

APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 2nd beaten 31 by Longshoreman (levels) at Catterick (2m, hole, good to som). MARLINGFORD was a moderate maxima on the Flat when trained by Guy Herwood.

Selection: MONTPELIER LAD

Course specialists

TRAINERS

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113141 0000 TIMES 13 (BF.F.G.S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Had 12-0. Rececard number. Skr.figure form (F - felt. P - pulled up. U - unserted rider. B - brought down. B - stipped up. H - refused. (F - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in since tast outing: F if flat. (B - blinkers, b - recetat. Trainer. Age and weight, Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and Handicapper's rating.

2.15 WEE JIMMY MITCHELL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,217: 3m) (6 runners) 

SETTING: 9-4 River House, 3-1 Snowfire Chap, 4-1 Direct Interest, 5-1 Miles Club Royal, 10-1 Work, 19-1 Border Dak. 1965: GENERAL CHANDOS 5-12-0 Mr J Bradburne (4-1) Mrs S Bradburne 6 ran

FORM FOCUS 1855 CLUB ROYAL made all to best bits A Caper (rec 25b) by a diet at Hoxham (5m, h'cap ch, 5m) last completed start.

20b) 3rd beaten over 31 and Work MATE (evels) with DIRECT INTEREST (rec 25b) by a diet at Hoxham (5m, h'cap ch, 25b) 3rd beaten over 31 and Work MATE (evels) in contact won by Lingham Bride at Sedgefield (5m, 21) at Hoxham (2m 4), h'cap ch, 200 by 200 serny and companied start, decOWFRE CHAP pulled up 14th after a bad mistake in contact won by Lingham Bride et Sedgefield (Inn 2f, h'cap ch, good to soft); sariier beat Castlevenon (geve 18b) et Sedgefield (Inn, h'cap ch, good to soft).

2.45 LASSWADE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,974: 2m) (5 runners)

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#### STUART JONES

IF CHELSEA achieve nothing else this season, they can claim to have influenced the championship race. In successive weekends they have defeated three contenders and revealed their frailties. First it was Manchester United, then Tottenham Hotspur, and on Saturday the most unexpected of the high

flying group, Crystal Palace. Ever since the notion of a super league was first formed. it has been assumed that "the big five" were sure to fill the top three places. Yet almost every year one of the smaller has confounded the theory and on several occasions has even threatened to claim the highest honour.

A decade ago Ipswich Town were for three consecutive seasons the surprise package. They have been followed in turn by Watford, Southampton, Nottingham Forest, and Aston Villa. The resources of all those clubs were naturally thinner. So, available, but each had an astute manager. It can be no coincidence that they have been associated with the national post. Bobby Robson (Ipswich) was in charge of England, Graham Taylor (Watford and Villa) is the incumbent, Lawrie Mc-Menemy (Southampton) acts as his assistant, and Brian Clough (Forest) has long been regarded in some quarters as the people's favourite.

Before the season opened, Howard Wilkinson, who has worked with England's junior nternational teams under Robson, was considered the manager most likely to guide a comparative limited squad towards an elevated station. His Leeds United side could yet fulfill those expectations. They are fifth, one position below Palace.

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Steve Coppell's achievement in leading Palace to last season's FA Cup Final confirmed the impression that, with his intelligence and his realistic light. awareness, he would comfortably complete the transition as an ordinary outfit. One from player to manager. But performance should not be few would have predicted that his team would at this stage be sustaining a

When their unbeaten League record was broken at Old Trafford five weeks ago, they were surely about to flutter down from their lofty perch to a more realistic level. not being deliberately dismis-



Ahead of the rest: Wright, sparkles for Crystal Palace, beating Monkou, on the ground, and Durie, but Palace slipped to a 2-1 defeat

Not a bit of it. They responded instead with a draw and three wins, a sequence which lifted them even higher to third place above Tottenham Hotspur.

in view of Chelsea's recent resurgence, Saturday's fixture represented a genuine examination of Palace's credentials. If they had maintained their victorious run, or at least avoided defeat, the prospect of their finishing with an invitation to compete in Europe next season would have been seen in a more

Instead they were exposed used as a reliable gauge, especially when held against the evidence of the previous three months, but Bobby Campbell put Palace's merits in perspective when he described them as "not a bad

The Chelsea manager was

sive when he continued his appraisal. "They are fit, they are strong, they run around a lot, they are well organised, and they have one exceptional player who makes a difference at times. But the way they play is a bit predictable."

Ian Wright, though he still too closely resembles a whirl-ing dervish to pose a constant danger, stands above colleagues of less natural ability. It is to Coppell's credit that, from such assets, he has fashioned a dependable unit.

Nevertheless, they are sure to be vulnerable whenever some of their parts are not functioning, and he admitted that "a few players had an off day. We let them have the initiative in the first half."

Yet Palace took the lead when Thorn, after Young had legitimately impaired Beasant's vision of a corner, forced in the goalkeeper's

Cheisea, appreciably more varied in their approach eventually equalised through Stuart. Martyn alone protected Palace until he deceived towards the end of a disjointed second half by Durie's shot which vecred wickedly off the body of

Coppell suggested that Chelsea could "be right up there if they sustain this run. They have some good players like Monkou and Townsend and the combination of Dixon and Durie is as powerful as any in the country on a

If a hypothetical team was to be picked from the two sides to represent south-west London, Palace's contingent would be significantly minimal. Apart from Wright, only the agile Martyn, the forceful Gray, and perhaps the indus-trious Thomas would be contenders for selection. The rest are willing, if not particu-larly able, workmen.

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### Wilkinson rejects lucky tag

Manchester United...

Leeds United ...

ALTHOUGH Howard Wilkinson, the manager of Leeds United, was happy with the result, he was annoyed by the suggestion that his team had enjoyed more than its fair share of good fortune in extending to nine matches an unbeaten run spanning six weeks.
Shortly before Wilkinson treated the media to an uproari-

ous dose of Yorkshire humour. Alex Ferguson, his counterpart had launched a not too thinly veiled attack on Leeds's un-

compromising defensive stance.

After lauding a game played in atrocious conditions as a "magnificent contest". Ferguson added: "They rode their lack with the officide year. If they luck with the offside trap. If they

Wilkinson responded to a largely baseless accusation of negative tactics by pointing out that luck is occasionally nothing more than the misinterpretation of common sense.

Aware that Wallace and Hughes, the United forwards, often pursue a fraction too early passes that are lofted from midfield, Wilkinson instructed his back four to push up field at every opportunity. The result was a string of offside decisions against United, several of which Ferguson was later to condemn as "tight".

The luck which Leeds were accused of monopolising was, absent in the fiftieth minute when the home side moved in outside the penalty area was

inaccurate and lacking in power, but it struck McAllister's leg and rolled beyond Lukic. Leeds were deservedly back

on terms six minutes later when Sterland smashed home a free kick from 25 yards after Sharpe had illegally ended one of Strachan's intricate runs. Strachan's intricate runs.

In the 69th minute, Robson, the former England captain, came on for his first senior appearance since injuring his Achilles tendon in the World Cup. Wallace damaged a calf muscle and has been withdrawn from the England B squad for this matter.

this week's game in Algeria, MANCHESTER UNITED: 1. Sealey: D Invit. (sub: B Robson), C Blackmore, S Bruce, M Phelan (sub: M Donaghy), G Palleter, L Sharpe, N Webb, B McClair, M Hughes, D Walkes

LEEDS UNITED: J Luide; M Sterland, P Haddock, D Batty, C Fairclough, C Whyte, G Strechen, C Shutt, L Chapman, G McAllister, G Speed.

# Walsh sets new benchmark

By DENNIS SIGNY

Tottenham Hotspur .... Sunderland ....

THE introduction of Paul Walsh after 56 minutes to score two goals not only transformed an entertaining match and en-abled Tottenham to salvage a point and move back to third place, it also inspired a fierce

After days of conjecture about the terms of a new contract offer to Terry Venables, with the suggestion that he has been asked to accept £20,000 less in wages in return for increased bonus inducements, the manager fended off questions about

Walsh has been a substitute 16 times in 20 matches; he scored three goals against Sheffield United on one of the two occasions he played from the

"He was outstanding," Vensbles said of a dazzling display by the on-form and confident Walsh that included providing the pass for Gary Lineker to head an equalising goal 38 seconds into injury time The result did scant justice to a Sunderland side that was 2-0 shead after 22 minutes, fought

Owers was a giant and Daven-port, Gabbiadini and Pascoe exposed frailties in the Tottenham defence. Bracewell's tackle to win the ball off Gascoigne led to a goal

after 11 minutes. When Gabbiadini centred from the right, Armstrong's shot squirmed from Thorstvdt's grasp for Pascoe to score. Davenport ran through for a

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At that stage Ian Hemley, who took over when the original referee became a victim of the weather, went off with a muscle injury and was replaced by the

Enter Walsh. He slid in Gascoigne's free kick after 64 minutes and scored an equaliser with a deflection off Armstrong five minutes later. Although Pascoe restored Sunderland's lead after 75 minutes with an assist from Gabbiadini, the subdued Lineker, bothered by a heel injury, squared matters at the end from Walsh's centre.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: E Thorstvdt; M Thomas, P van den Hauwe, J Edinburgh (sub: P Walsh), D Howells, G Mabbutt. P Brewart (sub: V Samweys), P Gascoigne, Naylm, G Linekor. P Allen. SUNDERLAND: T Normer, J Kay, P Hardyman, G Bennett, K Ball, G Owers, P Bracawell, G Armstrong, P Devenport, M Gabbiedini, C Pascoe.

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Premier division

# McCall rolls back the years before discontent erupts

By PETER BALL

Coventry City.

SEVEN years ago Howard Kenmanager reached its nadir with a visit from Coventry. A shivering 13,000 turned up to jeer a 0-0 draw, while outside malcontents circulated a petition demanding Kendall's dismissal.

Three weeks later came a back-pass by Kevin Brock, of Oxford United, and Everton were on their way. This time Coventry's visit and the beginning of the Everton revival might have coincided as Ken-dall gained his first victory since his return, but for much of Saturday afternoon the intervening years of giory looked much further away than that

much further away than that bleak memory.

A bitterly cold wind put controlling a football beyond two teams whose confidence was at a premium. If anything, Everton were the worse of two poor sides, and by half-time sounds of discontent from their teams are controlled to the season. lowest League gate of the season, 17,472, were surfacing.
There the similarities with
December 1983 ended. Ken-

dall's record in the intervening years puts him almost beyond criticism, at least for now, and the players rather than the anager were derided. Kendali reacted boldly, pulling off the struggling Cottee and Sheedy and porting on Ebbrell and Sharp. "I thought I needed to do something positive. It just

wasn't happening the way it was, and we needed to give the crowd a lift too," he said.
Five minutes after the interval his boldness looked to have

rebounded on him as McCall went down injured. "I thought, that's the way it's going at the moment," Kendall said. "You do what you think is right and HE TIMES MONTH

then the one player who is playing well is injured." In fact, Everion's luck had changed. Because both sub-stitutes were already on, McCall was forced to carry on, in a more restricted role on the right From there be popped up to send a scorching volley from the edge of the penalty area into the net before Ogrizovic could turn round. A goal in a thousand.

The other decisive moment had already occurred. Coventry had looked the neater side or Everton were exposed a Smith's centre reached Speedie who placed it neatly beyond Southail and turned away in

From the stand Keown's desperate attempt at retrieval seemed a forlorn effort, the ball looking a foot over the line when he hooked it up on to the bar and out. Speedic thought so,

Keown and the linesman disagreed. Had it counted, Cov-entry would probably have been celebrating Butcher's first victory instead.
"Every week I've said the

same when they come in: played well, put in a lot of effort, and we've got nothing to show for it." Butcher said ruefully. "I'd like it if we could play badly and

# **Dismissed Adams** loses three games

By VINCE WRIGHT

Luton Town.

TONY Adams, the Arsenal captain and England defender, opposing supporters love to hate, but there was only sym-pathy for him on Saturday when he was the victim of a harsh Don ruled that Adams was guilty of the so-called pro-fessional foul when preventing Iain Dowie from equalising after 73 minutes and sent him off. career that Adams had been dismissed. He will miss Arsenal's Christmas fixtures against Aston Villa, Derby County and Sheffield United. In trying to play the bell, Adams succeeded only in unbalancing Dowie as the forward

bore down on goal, and a ficient punishment. John Dreyer converted the spot kick. George Graham, the Arsenal manager, keeping his anger in check, asked: "If that was a professional foul, will referees send every player off when a foul, other than hand-ball, is committed in the penalty area? Jim Ryan, the Luton manager, said: "The challenge was worth a penalty and nothing more.
Referes should use their common sense and discretion."
Dowle said that he was amazed

abled them to overtake Liverpool at the top of the first division. But after Dreyer's equaliser and the departure of Adams, they had to mount a stern rearguard action in order to avoid their first League defeat As Graham admitted, Arsenal are not comfortable on a plastic

were on course for maximum points, which would have en-

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pitch and their inhibitions showed. They have not won at installed the artificial surface five years ago. Arsenal played Dixon, a full back, in midfield and used

O'Leary to mark Elstrup, Lu-ton's leading marksman. With Seaman and Bould in commanding form, Luton were allowed few openings and Arsenal scored first, on the too much room from a corner by Davis, gratefully accepted the chance to head past Chamber lain, who seconds earlier had saved well from Limper's chip.

There were four cautions Luton, and Limpar, of Arsenal - a surprising number consid-

LUTON TOWN: A Chamberfeir; M Johnson, R Harvey, S Williams, D McDonough, J Dreyer, L Eistrup, D Precos, I Dowie, J Ress (sub: 5 Farrall), K Black.
ARSENAL: D Seamen; L Dison, N Winterburn, M Thomas, S Bould, A Adems, D O'Leary, P Devis, A Scalin, P Merson, A Limper (sub: P Groves).
Referee: P Don.

### Dutch treat for Milan

TOKYO (Agencies) - AC Milan guayans by creating all of the captured the world club championship for the second year in a row when they defeated South American club champions Olimpia Asunción 3-0 at the national stadium here yesterday.
The Italian club's Dutch

that Adams got the red card.

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goals carved out by his companious, Ruud Gullit and Marco Van Basten, who also made a third chance, tucked away by the Italian attacker, Giovanni Stroppe.

#### Whitehead is linked with Wednesday

By IAN Ross

NORMAN Whiteside, Ever-ton's Northern Ireland international midfield player, is likely to join Sheffield Wednesday this week in an attempt to prolong a career that is threatened by injury problems.

Ron Atkinson, the Wednesday manager, confirmed yes-terday that he had spoken to Howard Kendall his Everton counterpart, about Whiteside's availability and that further talks are scheduled this week. Though Everton paid Manchester United £750,000 for Whiteside 16 months ago, he will be allowed to

Wednesday will make a small down payment with the balance to be paid in instalments. "I had a chat with Howard Kendali last week and Norman's situation was something we discussed. At this stage it is a tentative inquiry but it is something we are looking at," said

Since joining Everton. Whiteside has had two knee operations and surgery to repair a damaged toe.
Alkinson, who enjoyed a

successful relationship with Whiteside when the two were at Manchester United, is anxious to strengthen his senior squad as he bids to steer the South Yorkshire club back into division one at the first attempt. Everton have been told by Wolverhampton Wanderers that Steve Buil, the England international forward, is not for sale. Kendali contacted Graham Turner, the Wolverhampton faces an uncertain future at manager, last week, and at-White. Hart Lane after a tempted to arrange a playerplus-cash exchange deal but was informed that Bull, who is valued in excess of £2 million.

#### WEEKEND RESULTS, GOALSCORERS AND TABLES Tennents Scottish Cup



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Wingate 1; Windsor and Eton 2, Statres 1.
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POSTPONED: Altynichem v Kettering: Cheltenham v Stough; Pisher Ath v Macclesfield; Kidderminster v Tellord; Northwich v Stafford Rengers; Yeovil v Welling. ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: First division: Old Historiums 0, Old Etoniana 1. Arthur Dunis Cup: Old Aldenhamiana 2, Old Wyleinsmiss 2; Old Grentwoods 5, Old Kalvermans 4; Old Carthusians 7, Old Salopiens 0, Old Eestbournians 0, Lancing Old Boys 8; Old Forestera 2, Old Reptonians 3. LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Provider divis LEAGUE OF INELLANCE Province districts
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Samways offer

THE Tottenham Hotspur midfield player, Vinny Samways,

£750,000 bid for him by Nottingham Forest. Tottenham turned have down the bid, and

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EQUESTRIANISM

**Bost takes** 

lead in

European

League

From Jenny MacArthur

ROGER-YVES Bost, of France,

a team gold medal winner at this year's World Show Jumping

Championships, won the Volvo World Cup qualifier here yes-terday on Norton de Rhys, less than 24 hours after winning the

grand prix of Bordeaux on the

same horse. Bost now leads the European League for the World

Cup.
Joe Turi, riding Waysider, the horse on which he completed a

double clear round in the Washington Nations Cup in October,

was the highest placed Briton, finishing third behind the Ger-man Olympic team gold medal winner Ludger Beerbaum on Almox Grand Plaisir.

Turi's only fault came at the upright feace No. 3 in the final

jump-off. Asked afterwards how he rated his horse now, the

former Hungarian trick rider said: "Very highly, but I don't rate the way I rode him."

Tate the way I rode him."

Turi, seventh in the league, and Bost both praised the course, which was designed by the Belgian Marc Vuigh, called in at the eleventh hour to replace Philippe Gayot, who had a serious illness. Vuigh's first course produced six clear mounds Several too narperships.

rounds. Several top partnerships made more mistakes, including Michael Whitaker, of Great Britain, on Henderson Mon-

santa, who hit the first part of the final double. "He keeps just getting four faults," a Whitaker said afterwards. Robert Smith also collected

Vanessa but was delighted with

the performance of the 11-year-

old mare, who he bought in October and who has just returned to grand prix

In the second and final jump

off, involving four horses, Turi

was drawn to go first, which might have contributed to his

expensive mistake. Bost, who

was fourth in the World Cup final this year, followed and took the lead with an authori-tative clear round in a fast 28.82

seconds. His compatriot Patrice Delaveau proved little danger, collecting 12 faults.

ing who became a national figure after winning the Olympic individual gold medal with Pierre Durand in 1988. The 15-

Pierre Durand in 1988. The 15-year-old borse produced a sparkling performance to finish joint 5fth. RESULTS: Volve World Cup Gentlim: 1, Norton de Phys (R-Y Bost, Pr.), 0 fastis in 28.85ssc; 2. Alvest, Grand Pisset: 0, Beerbaum, Gerj, 0, 29.45; 3, Waysider (), Turi, GB), 4, 35.78. European League of Valvo Warld Cupt. 1, R-Y Bost, 6 (pop. 2, J.) Lansink (Neth), 50; 3, J Tops (Neth), 48. Britisher 2, 1 Trei 34; annual 18. M. Erbert

IN BRIEF

Male beats

off Boone

THE world rackets champion, James Male, best the defending

champion, Willie Boone, in the final of the Lacoste British

amateur rackets championship

Boone fought back to snatch the third game but in the last few

points of the fourth the athletic double-fisted Male secured vic-

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# Tyson hovers like a cold-blooded culler

From Spikumar Sen, boxing correspondent, atlantic city

MIKE Tyson sent a chilling reminder to whoever is world feet nor colour to his cheeks. art. Indeed, few of Tyson's champion in the new year, be At the bell he was overhe Evander Holyfield or whelmed by the ferocity of George Foreman, of what to Tyson's attack. Within eight expect when he comes to seconds, even before he could claim the crown he lost last adjust his defences, he was on February in Tokyo.

Should Holyfield, the undisputed world champion, or Foreman, who challenges him on April 19, have any doubts about the seriousness of Tyson's intentions, they need only look at the havoc wrought on Alex Stewart, who was stopped in the first round was stopped in the first round even at one point falling over at the Convention Center here himself with the weight of his on Saturday night.

The London-born Jamaican was left stunned and disorientated on the floor after two minutes 27 seconds of Tyson fury. From the unbridled manner in which Tyson went about his assault, it was clear that the former champion was in no mood to have his status as best in the world questioned.

"I never lose my con-fidence," he said. "It would be nice for people to hear this cocky, arrogant black guy all of a sudden having to say he lost to a better man. That's bull I'm best."

A noted American television commentator, Larry Merchant, described Tyson as a storm which, having blown itself out, was gathering in greater force again out at sea. But the destruction of Stewart seemed to me to deserve a less grandiose metaphor.

It was like the battering of an animal in a cull because of the brutal untidiness of the execution. Tyson bludgeoned Stewart to the floor three times with imprecise blows.

Stewart, who had maintained he would not be intimidated by Tyson, was all but frozen by stage-fright under his warm-up sweat when he entered the ring. There was a rat's nest of confusion in his corner as his trainer, Edward Viruet, tried to bully him out

But as he stood alone in the ring facing Tyson, who was banging his gloves together, one could see that neither the floor from two rights.

He rose to take a standing count of eight and continued boxing but the shock was too much for his system. He could not find his feet again nor screw on his fists. He pawed feebly at the incoming Tyson and drove him across the ring. swing that missed.

A right upper-cut caught Stewart, who surprisingly took it on the chin, but another untidy right hand dropped him again in an uncontrolled manner. He staggered up by eight but Tyson was on him again, terrorising him with a swing that whistled past his ear. Then a glancing left high on the head floored him again.

Frank Capuccino, forgetting that the three-knockdown rule was in operation, counted over him but never completed it when he saw Stewart unable to continue. So distraught was Stewart that he could only keep repeating afterwards: "I just got caught. I just got caught. I didn't expect it. I just got caught early. My advice to Holyfield is don't do what I did. I was trying to hit him very hard but I kept missing

Tyson said: "I was a little untidy but I wanted to explode on him. I knew as soon as I hit him he'd go. If I hit anyone he'd go. Too bad it had to happen to him. He's a nice guy. I knew it was all over when I caught him with a right hook to the body. Believe it or not, I punch harder to the head than I do to the body."

While at first sight it might seem that the intensity, speed and efficacy of Tyson's attack indicate that he is back to his old self, one must reserve judgment. The overall im-pression is far from satisfactory. Tyson's punching was much too untidy. There were more misses than clean hits as

warmth had returned to his Tyson swarmed all over Stewpunches landed directly on target. They were mainly glancing blows.

Art Miles, the trainer of Donovan Ruddock, the No. 2 contender behind Tyson, said: He can push people about if he's stronger than them. But he doesn't seem to be able to put them away. He was not boxing, he was brawling. That was why he could not knock him out. Stewart was gone after the first knockdown. The great fighters know how to

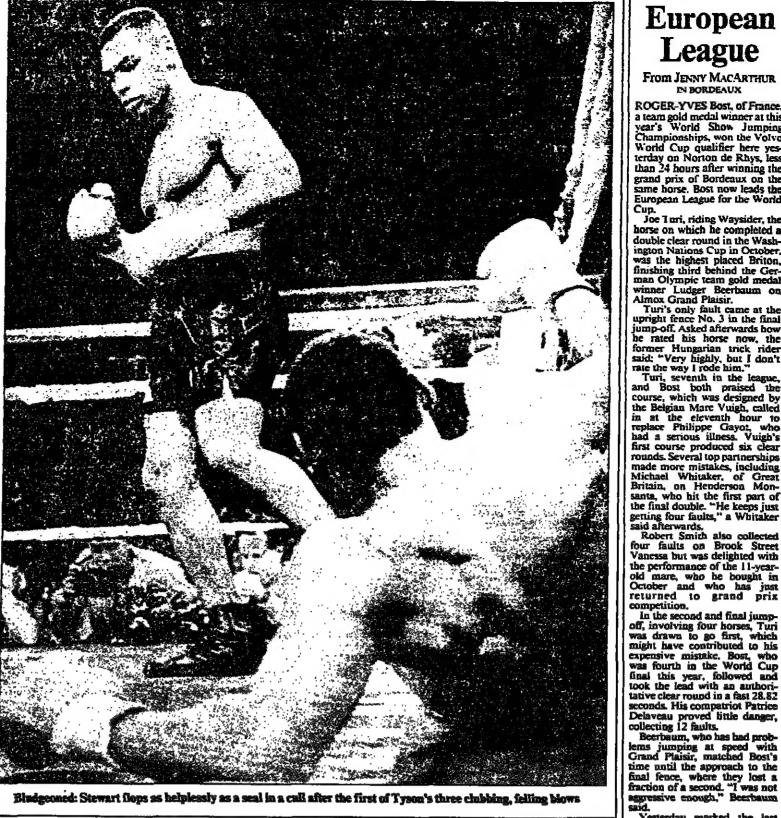
Tyson appears to have forgotten the finer points of boxing. A perfect contrast was provided by Julio Cesar Chávez, of Mexico, who stopped Kyung-Duk Ahn, of South Korea, in the third round. The International Boxing Federation and World Boxing Council light-welterweight

champion, who has won all his 73 contests, 61 of them knock-outs, gave an exhibition of superbly controlled boxing, picking his punches with exquisite timing, once to drop Ahn with a beautiful short right and then with a double left hook to the chin.

He was never in a hurry to swarm over his victim. He gradually lifted the pace and variety of punches to the head and body until the Korean suddenly decided be had had enough and turned his back on him and went back to his

That is how Tyson used to finish a job in the old days. If he needs to box in an undisciplined way, he will be found out by another James
"Buster" Douglas. Tyson
must wait to hear what an arbitration court has decided about a WBC decision to strip Holyfield for defending against Foreman and not

If the WBC wins, it will strip Holyfield and order Tyson and Ruddock to contest the vacant title. If the world body loses, Tyson will meet the winner of the bout between Holyfield and Foreman, most likely in September.



Bludgeoned: Stewart flops as helplessly as a seal in a call after the first of Tyson's three clubbing, felling blows

#### FOOTBALL

# Balance is Biggins's treble is right for West Ham

LOUISE TAYLOR reviews the second division

MANAGERS are frequently left with contrasting impressions of the same match. So it was that Billy Bonds, in charge of West Ham United, described his team's 1-0 victory at Posts-month on Saturday as "fully deserved — only one team was going to win", while Frank Burrows, his counterpart, talked of being "unlucky — we had them on the ropes".

To neutrals, Portsmouth pro-

vided pienty of purpose and possession, but created precious few openings inside the penalty area, let alone the six yard box. It was significant that the vast majority of their chances the elegant Mark Chamberlain came from long range. Nevertheless, on this evidence, they deserve to finish the season far higher than their present pos-ition of third from bottom. West Ham were largely re-stricted to counter-attacking,

but looked the more dangerous involved Stuart Slater showing his minders an impressively clean pair of heels.

Yet lesser goalkeepers than Ludek Miklosko could well have been forgiven for fumbling wind-assisted drives from Chambertain, Colin Clarke, Guy Whittingham, and Guy Butters. However when Bur-rows insisted that "their goalkeeper was the difference was perhaps overlooking the impact of Bishop on the mid-field. Despite being left timping by a late tackle from Aspinall early on, the accuracy of Bishop's passing was instrumental in sporadically unlatching the home rearguard. Portsmouth's hammering at West Ham's back-door was far more persis-tent, but they had no one with the vision to lift the visiting

defence off its hinges. No one with Slater's pace either. In the end it was his sprim down the left flank and subsequent centre, which provided West Ham with the winner, courtesy of Trevor Morley's downward header in the

Confronted by a strong, sleety wind and tenacious opponents, West Ham provided further evidence that they have at long last achieved a healthy compromise between art and athleticism - a balance which leaves them five points clear on top. Points adrift. They managed no

more than a 1-1 draw at Bristol City, which with Middlesbrough's match postponed, was sufficent to keep them third. the bottom, but are entitled to some optimism following their first home win of the season, a 2-

0 success against Plymouth Aresile, in only Steve Perryman's second match as manager.

# toast of Woking

Woking..

Merthyr Tydfil ...

WOKING reached the third round of the FA Cup for the first time on Seturday with a style that will long burn brightly in the minds of their supporters.

Merthyr, of the GM Vauxhall Conference, had Steve Williams and Andy Beatrie sent off for fouls in the second half, but disregard that; Woking, the Vanxhall League premier division side, were 3-0 up and cruising. Merthyr had been led a merry dance by Mark Biggins, a might edied a feliful forward.

quick-winted, skilful forward, who scored three goals in a senior match for the first time. Biggins reached his landmark a superb 25-yard sho curled into the top right-hand corner, in the last minute. Amid the post-match celebrations, the post-matri celebrations, Biggins said: "In our pre-season training under Fred Callaghan, the coach, we played five-a-side and that was it. When you play

into space at the far corner.

From there he crossed to the far post for his brother, Lloyd, to head in Woking's opening goal, off the post. Biggins made it 2-0 after 41 minutes, and straight after half-time Bursalo scored. Williams was shown the red

card when he hauled back Buzaglo as he broke clear. The Woking forward then laid on a second for Biggins before Haig, the Merthyr substitute, pulled a The dismissal of Beattie for a

reckless challenge on Clement reduced Merthyr to nine men. Barnet, of the conference, replay at Northampton on Wednesday after a 0-0 draw at Underhill that saw Nugent, of Barnet, and Barnes, of Northampton, hit the post. Fee, of Northampton, was sent off for a second bookable offence four

the coach, we played five-a-side and that was it. When you play on a grid about the size of this bar, you've got to be able to find space on the pitch."

In the 27th minute Shane Wye's nest flick in midfield

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### Third-round bonus for revived Bournemouth

By PETER ROBINSON

Bournemouth...

FIVE months ago, it was by no means certain that Harry ıns certain Redknapp would ever return to spectator.

A road accident in Italy during the World Cup finals that claimed the lives of his best friend and three young Italians left Redknapp badly injured. He missed the start of the season, and Bournemouth, the club he had managed for nearly eight years, began the season sad-dened and confused.

Today, it is as if Redknapp had never been away. Ten unbeaten games have turned relegation fears into promotion hopes and the eleventh, on Saturday, has added the bonus of a place in the third round of

the FA Cup. For an hour, Hayes belied their Vauxhall League status. At times they outplayed their thirddivision hosts with a style as constructive as it was entertaining. Hayes were dreaming of visits to Anfield or Highbury, of facing Gascoigne or Barnes.

But though the promptings of Keen promised much, Bournemonth, despite wobbling once or twice, stood firm and began to take charge. The introduction of Lawrence for the tiring Holmes after 66 minutes com-

minutes: his shot from close range two minutes later was closer, rebounding off a post. His slippery turn and cross ten minutes from time gave O'Driscoil a gilt-edged chance but Hyde, the goalkeeper, made a remarkable reflex save.

came, Blissett giving Brooks an open goal he gratefully accepted. Exhausted, Hayes had no chance to haul themselves back. They had been within three minutes of a place in the Cup draw, but few would begrudge Bournemouth and Redknapp

MOURNEMOUTH: G Payton; P Miller, P Miller, P Miller, P Miller, S Toale, S O'Driscot, K Bond, M Holmes (sub. G Lawrence), J Redintapp, A Jones, S Brooks, L Bissett, HAYES: P Hyde; C Oey (sub: N Fraser), A Myera, J Court, R Leether, R Mershall, P Clarks, C Doon, Y Benning, G Reen, C Waton.

### Souness not impressed

GOLF

# Turner's swing decisive

from the Australian Classic tournament here yesterday be-fore the New Zealander, Greg Turner, began reaping the re-wards of his gamble to reshape his swing. Turner, two shots behind Ian Baker-Finch overnight, fired a two-under-par 69 to finish five shots clear of the Australian who had a disastrous five-over-par back nine and

ropped to third. Turner, who broke par for the fourth successive round for an eight-under total 276, said: "My swing now feels better than it ever has before." Eighteen months ago be had sought help from his coach, Dennis Pugh, a disciple of David Leadbetter who changed Faldo's swing.

Faldo's hopes of adding to his impressive list of victories ended abruptly on Saturday when he pulled out after a third round 72 after an old wrist injury faced in injury flared up.

Faldo, reported to be on appearance money close to \$85,000 (approximately \$45,000) runner's-up cheque, was suffering from a recurrence

Morne (US), 70, 70, 73, 73; K Trimble, 71, 59, 72, 74.
207; S Ossen (NZ), 57, 75, 72, 73, 288; B Larie (GB), 70, 71, 72, 75; T Power, 71, 77, 71, 68; S Benneti (GB), 72, 72, 73, 71; M Bradley (US), 73, 71, 73, 71, 288; T Price, 70, 75, 71, 73; S Norman, 71, 73, 73, 72, 298; R Zokol (Can), 68, 73, 71, 78; S Ginn, 72, 73, 68, 77; R Medicay, 71, 71, 78, 78, 72, 73, 74, 72; C Morne, 72, 73, 68, 77; R Medicay, 71, 71, 78, 78, 72, 73; C Mornegomente (GB), 71, 73, 68, 77, 291; V Singh (Fil), 69, 73, 71, 78; C Clifford, 70, 71, 74, 78, 0 DeLong (US), 71, 72, 73, 75.

The commission will also act

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

### Errors foil French courage

handling and fiery tackling knocked the Australians out of

their stride, but then came one of several moments when loss of

strayed out of position, Lyons saw it, kicked through and gave

WHILE some degree of honour and self-respect was restored to French rugby league by a coura-geous performance here yes-terday, too many irritating mistakes and Australia's lightning counter-attacks brought two more World Cup points to the Kangaroos.
Australia gave a further clini-

cal lesson in professionalism and finishing to a French side who could never translate spirit and determination into consistent form, either in attack or

Mackay an easy run to the posts. France redoubled their efforts and they had wretched luck when Roach threw the ball

when Roach threw the ball forward, with the referee unsighted, and Australia played on for Belcher to send in Shearer. Two minutes later, Fraisse, who had made a magnificent tackle on Ettingshausen to prevent a certain try, allowed Alexander to slip past him on the touchline for a rift of a try and when for a gift of a try, and when Alexander added the goal 14-0 made a mockery of the French

A superb handling move from right to left sent in Pons, but this was immediately cancelled out by an Ettingshausen try when Fraisse failed to kick dead.

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France scored an early try when the lively Entat took advantage of a Beicher fumble to touch

to pieces and, even with Roach

sent to the sin bin for a spell

## Rayne try sinks Oldham 12

BATLEY, of the second division, produced the biggest surprise of this season's Regal Trophy with a controversial 20-16 victory over Oldham (Keith

Mackin writes).

Keith Rayne, the player-coach, scored his third try in injury time to sink Oldham, of the first division, who had John Cogger, the Australian loose forward, sent off just before the interval for "inciting the crowd" after making an obscene gesture.
Tony Barrow, the Oldham
manager, said: "A female steward grabbed John by the back of

Marshall, their winger, sus-tained a broken kneecap, and Andrew Platt, the Great Britain forward, broke a finger.

Leigh, in deep financial trouble, lost the chance of sponsorship cash through a cup run with an 11-6 defeat at Warrington. Castleford's tries came from Graham Steadman, Grant Anderson, John Joyner, and Jeffrey Hardie as they won the West Yorkshire derby at Wakefield Trinity, 20-4.

Leeds finished with 11 men in Saturday's 26-6 defeat at Widnes, with John Bentley sent to the sin bin for punching Martin Offiah, and Paul Dixon dismissed two minutes from time for a similar offence The three other ties yesterday

REDAL TROPHY: Second round: Setley 20, Otchan 16; Wakeheld 4, Castleford 20; Warrington 11, Leigh 8; Wigan 36, Kelgriey 16; Widnes 22, Leeds 6, Pest-poned: Sradiona v Brasnley; Featherstone v St Helens.

STONES BITTER CHARPIONSHIP: Second division: Berrow 8, Ryedale York 31; Carilate 12, Dewabury 10. Swinton Ryadale Yk Halifax Carliste Leigh Fulham

## run out of steam. REAL TENNIS: The world No. 1, Lachlan Deuchar, retained his George Wimpey British Open real tennis title beating the leading amateur, the Austra-

lian, Julian Snow, at Queen's Club. They are seeded to meet in the semi-final of next week's French Open in Bordeaux, OLYMPICS: Willi Daume, the head of the National Olympic Committee in Germany, has suggested that a threat to ban some athletics and swimming events would rid the disciplines

of drug taking.
BOXING: The Commonwealth
Games light-middleweight gold
medal winner. Richie
Woodhall, of Telford, has pulled out of his London professional debut against Chris Haydon on Wednesday because of a cheek injury.
BASKETBALL: The Palacur

arena in Rome will host the

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES

**FOOTBALL** 

Leyland Daf Cup

Stockport v Burnley **Bob Lord Trophy** 

HFS LOAMS LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Hyde v Fleetwood.

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RUGBY UNION

STUDENT CHAMPIONS WORLD CHALL-ENGE: Leeds Polytechnic v New South Wates University (at Huddersteed RLFC, 7.0).

Second round

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WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wok-

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### SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Eurosport 21.00-22.00: College metats. BILLIARDS: Euroepert 22.00-23.00;

BASKETBALL: Eurosport 15.30-16.30: Superbouts, CRICKET: Sky One 03.30-11.00 (tomor-row): World Series Cup: Australia v New Zeeland. CYCLING: Eurospert 10,00-11,00: Sty-

day race. EUROSPORT NEWS: 18.30-19.00- and 23.00-23.30 FISHING: BSB 18.30-19.00.

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GOLP: Somessport 11,30-14,00: Young Masters and JC Penney Classic.

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Saturday, Graeme Sounces, their manager, said: This was our sloppiest performance of the months. season; if we had won by three more goals the result would not

AFTER Rangers had beaten St Johnston and Gary Stevens.

Johnstone 4-1 at Ibrox on Roddy Grant scored for St Saturday, Graeme Sounces, Johnstone in their first loss away from home for three

At Tynecastle, where Aberdeen have not won for five

pieted the transformation. Blissen's headlong dive al-most broke the deadlock on 74

It was not until three minutes from time that the breakthrough

as a watchdog during next season, when unacceptable ontrack tactics could be penalised by anything from a reprimand to a race ban and a loss of championship points, depend-ing on the severity of the

decided by a collision between Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost, in Prost's favour in 1989 and in Senna's this year, and Nigel Mansell and Alessandro Chamberlain West Ham United: L Middelot: T have figured us. Years, they went down 1-0 to Nannini west Ham United: L Middelot: T have figured us. Years, they went down 1-0 to Nannini west, and The Sorrers for Rangers Vess Nannini were knocked off the

From KEITH MACKLIN

Patric Entat and his Frenchmen tore into the Australians from the kick-off, and it was obvious that this was not going

60.4 massacre at Avienon.

of the injury that kept him out of the European tour for several weeks earlier this year. FINAL SCORES (Australian unless stated): 27th Greg Turver (NZ), 69, 58, 70, 69, 28th R Devks, 70, 69, 71, 70, 28th; 1 Baker-Finch, 72, 70, 63, 75, 9ear McWhanney, 70, 70, 70, 71, 28th R Royd (US), 70, 65, 71, 74, 28th M Harwood, 70, 72, 72, 71; D Mijovic (Can), 69, 71, 70, 75, 28th Gharwood, 70, 72, 72, 71; D Mijovic (Can), 69, 71, 70, 75, Morne (US), 70, 67, 77, 73, 73; K Trimble, 71, 69, 77, 74

the neck after an incident involving several players near the touchline."

Wigan, the holders, beat a gallant Keighley 36-16 before a crowd of fewer than 6,000. Martin Dermott, the Wigan hooker, was sent off, David

on naughty driving

MOTOR SPORT

Fisa applies the brake

THE International Motor just the most highly visible Sports Federation (Fisa) has confirmed the creation of a driving standards reached a new commission of enquiry into driving behaviour, which will re-examine the incidents that narred the Formula One world championship and impose, if include the Fisa vice-president, Bernie Ecclestone, and the secappropriate, penalties on any

use their rear view mirrors For the past two seasons the world championship has been ous manocuvre involves passing the slower car, pulling across in front of it and then braking

The six-strong commission which will meet under the chairmanship of the Fisa president, Jean-Marie Balestre, and

retary-general, Yvon Leon, is likely to deal severely with drivers who habitually fail to An equally dim view will be taken of those who, having been baulked, counter-attack the offender by giving him what is euphemistically called a "brake test". This potentially hazard-

But Fisa's get-tough policy will not be confined to on-track behaviour. Cavalier or prima

CYCLING Plans for open

#### title racing get false start THE British Cycling Federation yesterday rejected next year for the start of open competition at combined amateur and pro-

fessional national track championships (Peter Bryan

Delegates at the federation's

annual meeting in Blackpool favoured a more cautious approach, supporting a move to review the format and composition of national titles "with a view to the introduction of open championships". It was a set back for the federation's racing committee which sought to have open

Two national championships are already open: the madison and the motor-paced event. The federation has increased penalties on riders found positive in drug tests. A first offence will carry a maximum suspen-sion of 12 months.

championships next season.

A second offence will attract a minimum two-year suspension, canp wattot ply the 19145 to the reflect to the Righted definication. If the ac-

# SPORT

# England glimpse sunless abyss IOC delegation will visit

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT PERTH

ONE gesture can express a sportsman's despair more eloquently than a thousand words. Angus Fraser's final, furious kick of the Perth turf yesterday told the tale of a team staring with growing certainty at a long slow:

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bly lucid in his self-recriminations, had just been struck for a lest, disdainful four by Dean Jones, who was already strutting towards the cheers of a 25,000 crowd. Australia had won by six wickets, with nine overs to spare, and with the arrogance of a team that never contemplated anything less. Fraser could keep his frustration corked no longer.

It is too soon by far to be categorical about England's destiny in the Test series against Australia, which resumes on Boxing Day. But any remaining doubts about the relative merits of the two teams at the limited-overs game were summarily dealt with in this crushingly onesided World Series game.

So absolute was Australia's times when they appeared to be toying mockingly with England, and others when they seemed to have tired of uncompetitive sport. It was never a true contest and, while England have probably played worse on this tour, they have not been so humblingly

A boxing referee would have stopped the fight. Australian one-day cricket shows no such mercy, so there may be much more of the same in the coming five weeks. England must play Australia another three times in the interminable group stage of this competition and then, assuming they can hold off the hapless New Zealanders for second place, at least twice more in the finals. It is

not a happy prospect. For a change yesterday, the bowling was more culpable than the batting. Falling short of 200, for the third time in as ery but he knows it would be many games, was deficient but not necessarily decisive on an untypical Perth pitch, far too uneven to be ideal. But to have any chance of defending 192, England had to bowl with selves with after a day on

Instead, Bicknell and Lewis were wastefully wayward, and by the time the side's injury problems had intensified with a thigh strain for Gladstone Small, which will keep him out until at least next weekend, Australia were away,

virtually beyond recall. his confidence in graphic fashion as his direction deserted him, and one cried out for the strong hand of Gooch on the shoulders of one whose talent should not mask the fact that and in this form of cricket is a

SCOREBOARD FROM PERTH

J E Monte b S Waugh

Alming through on-side with a cross bat
W Larkins b O'Donnell
Attempting pull to leg
R A Smith c Healy b Rockemenn
Caught at wicket trying to work leg cutter
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C C Lewis low b Matthews
Attempting to push ball on lag side
th C Russell & C'Donnell b Aldeman
Pulling towards mid-wicket

Total (for 9 wide, 50 overs, 209 mins) ..... F C R Tufnell did not bet.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32 (Larkins 24 not out), 2-58 (Smith 12 not out), 3-62 (Smith 13 not out), 4-128 (Stevart 34 not out), 5-136 (Lawis 1 not out), 5-139 (Russell 2 not out), 7-154 (Russell 12 not out), 8-156 (Bicknell 1 not out), 9-192 (Bicknell 31 not out).

BOWLING: Alderman 10-0-34-1 (7-0-28-0) (2-0-4-0) (1-0-2-1); Rai 18-1 nb1 (5-1-7-0) (5-1-12-1); S Waugh 10-1-52-1 w1 (8-1-35 O'Domnell 10-0-45-4 Snb (5-0-17-2) (5-0-28-2); Matthews 10-0

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BOWLING: Fraser 9-2-30-0 (5-2-11-0) (3-0-8-0) (1-0-11-0); Sicknell 9-0-55-2 3 nb, 4w (4-0-23-0) (3-0-14-0) (2-0-18-2); Small 4.2-1-14-1 1w; Lawis 8-1-38-0 1nb.

Wise of the particle S P O'Donnell Umpires: R Evans and P McConnell.

he is 21 years old and green. Gooch, meanwhile, was on the practice ground, taking another step towards full fitness with gentle catching to test out his wounded hand. When the party flies to Sydney today, he will stay behind in Perth to see a specialist. The carliest he is likely to play is

next Saturday. The state of the team may have given wings to his recovmadness to take risks when the Test series is all that really

That thought was all England had to console theming news, they might have been spared by any combination of thunderstorms, bushfires and a plague of locusts. None arrived and the sunshine was so fierce that Jones, whose swagger can rile the mellowest opponent, fielded

in a pair of trendy sunglasses. England chose to bat, hav-Bicknell, in particular, lost ing first chosen to omit Atherton again. It was as much a mistake now as it was when the decision was first made

man who can but calmly through the innings while the strokemakers operate around him. In Gooch's absence, Atherton alone is equipped for

on one and then spent 21 balls on three before, thoroughly at across the line against Steve Waugh. Larkins also had a life, Alderman putting him down at slip, but this was his most convincing innings of the tour until O'Donnell's slower ball deceived him.

Lamb followed in the same over and Australia, even without Reid, an influenza victim, never to relax, despite signs of a hesitant revival by Smith and another admirably resolute innings from Stewart.

When they left, England lost five wickets for 28 and, at 156 for eight, with five overs left, the decline seemed terminal. But Bicknell, batting with uncomplicated spirit, injected hope by scoring 31 from 23 balls, briefly but perceptibly subduing the Australian

They need not have worried. Although Fraser started in his usual, miserly way,



fours, and already the crowd had begun to tire of it all, resorting to the Mexican wave, periodic pitch invasions and an occasional outbreak of brawling. The cricket was not compulsive viewing, to be

Boon did play some extravagantly brilliant strokes before being bowled off his body by Small, who then broke down in mid-over, a grievous blow for England. Tufnell, who had been impressive on Friday, was an instant attraction for Jones,

who swung his fourth ball into the second tier of the members' stand at long-on. The young spin bowler never flapped or faltered, however, and in ten challenging overs he deserved more than the one

wicket of Marsh, acrobatically

Jones and Border seemed set to see it through until Bicknell applied some flattery to his figures with two wickets in an over, though Border did well even to reach the ball that dismissed him and Mark Wangh was undone by an unkind bounce.

It hardly mattered, for Jones was irrepressible as the last 38 runs came in three overs, bringing down the cur-England's inferiority.

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#### South Africa FOR the first time in 23 years, to change substantially, we the International Olympic need to be in a position to Committee (IOC) is officially react, to know our intentions in advance," he said, to visit South Africa. A delegation from the IOC's Anti-The decision by the exec-

Apartheid Commission will hold meetings next April at the highest possible level with political and sports authorities from all racial parties, regarding the imminent return to international sport by South Africa. Keba M'Baye, a judge at The Hague international court, IOC member for Sen-

egal and chairman of the commission, will head the delegation. He said here yesterday that changes were taking place at such unprecedented speed that a return in time for the Olympic Games in 1992 "was by no means out of the question The findings of the delega-

tion will be reported by the commission to the IOC session at Birmingham in June. M'Baye said that he is generally optimistic that the mood for creating unified national governing bodies in individual sports would accelerate, a necessary condition for South Africa's return.

The IOC delegates would be: M'Baye; Kevan Gosper, of Australia, IOC vice-president; Jean-Claude Ganga, a hitherto radical separatist from the Congo; General Henry Adefope, of Nigeria; and Francois Carrard, IOC director-general.

It is even thought possible that South Africa's return might precede a one-man-onevote situation, a move previously considered impossible. M'Baye and Gosper yesterday both said that if political-social changes likely to be made at February's reopening of the South African government were "profound and irreversible" in the elimination of the pillars of apartheid - the phrase repeatedly used by the Organisation of African Unity - then readmission could come in advance of the vote.

"It is possible that sport could be the test-bed of social integration," Fekrou Kidane, an Ethiopian emigré and former national Olympic secretary now resident in Paris where he is an adviser to the Commission, said yesterday. Gosper, whose move to London soon for the last twoand-a-half years before retirement from a multi-national company could be valuable in his ambition to become IOC president, said that the IOC wished to keep "ahead of the game" with its up-to-date information on South Africa. are not penalised by present "If the situation was suddenly ambiguities.

utive board yesterday to send a delegation arose out of the commission's meeting in Harare last November with interested South African bodies, white and non-white, and on the recommendation of the Association of African National Olympic Committees, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, has always said that "the South African problem must be reversed by Africa".

M'Baye added the caution yesterday that there could be no readmission if the position had not advanced from that of today. "But history is moving so fast we consider anything is possible," he said.

There has not been an IOC visit to South Africa since that led by Lord Killanin in 1967. five years before he succeeded Avery Brundage as IOC presi-

South Africa was expelled from the Olympic movement in 1970, though more than a dozen South African sports still retain non-active membership of their respective international federations.

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The present stance is a total reversal of that of no more than two years ago, espoused most strongly in Scandinavia: total boycott. The inter-national community is now doing what it can to assist South Africa's return on every front, if, as expected, there is a lessening of trade sanctions next year, in conjunction with further political change, the sporing return could be

It is envisaged that in some sports there will be white officials, just as there are in Zimbabwe and Namibia. An important advance in recent months has been the creation of a unified football body.

In the election of a Winter Games host for 1998, to be decided at Birmingham next year, the draw for order of presentatations was made yesterday, namely: Ostersund (USSR), Aosta (Italy), Nagano (Japan) and Salt Lake City (United States).

The executive board de-.cided to discuss again early next year the question of independent representation of the Baltic republics. The IOC remains in the hands of moves within the Soviet Union, but wishes to ensure that athletes

#### Davis making life difficult for Clark FA Cup holders drawn at home Tyson boxing clever ATLANTIC CITY - Mike ruary between Gary Mason,

Tyson will make \$129 million the British champion, and (£66 million) from ten con- Lennox Lewis, the European tests, according to Don King, holder. the former world heavyweight Tyso Tyson expects to challenge boxing champion's promoter the winner of the world heavy-(Srikumar Sen writes).

deal with Showtime, a television company, said that the contests would be spread over two-and-a-half years and would include a bout with the winner of the match in Feb-

weight championship bout be-King, who will be signing a tween Evander Holyfield, the champion, and George Fore-man, in September. King projected a bright future for

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Crystal Palace, who fought out the final of the FA Cup at Wembley last May, yesterday were drawn at home in the third round of this season's competition, to be played on

Both have first division opposition. United, the holders, meet Queen's Park Rangers at Old Trafford and Palace oppose Nottingham Forest at Schurst Park. Liverpool, the League

champions, are away at Blackburn and Arsenal, unbeaten in the League, are engaged in another first division clash, at home to Sunderland. Woking, the only non-League club already through to the third round, have been

unlucky, coming out of the hat with an away tie at West Bromwich, with little chance of either victory or a big gate. Five first division clubs are bound to go out of the competition. Apart from the

ties at Old Trafford, Selhurst

Wolvenhampton Wanderers v Felham or Cambridge United Chelses v Oxford United Sheffield United v Luton Town Streembury Town or Choffey v Wetford Bristot Rowers v Craws Alexandra or Athestone United Charlton Africate v Everton Crystal Patacs v Nottinghiam Forest Aston Villa v Wissbedon Bassileid Town or York City v Sheffield Wednesdey Brighton v Scuntinorpe United Manchester United v Queen's Park Rangers United v Respense Park Rangers Children v Sueen's Park Rangers Children v Sueen's Park Rangers Children v Control of Park Rangers Children v Control of Park Rangers Children v Scuntinorpe United Rangers Children v Control of Park Rangers Children v Children

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Lane and Aston Villa clash with Wimbledon at Villa The second division leaders, West Ham, unbeaten in 20

League matches, go to fourth divsion Aldershot, while second-placed Oldham, who bat-Park and Highbury, Sheffield the through to the semi-final United meet Luton at Bramall stage last season, meet either

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RE-ARRANGED SECOND ROUND DATES: Today: Haddersfield v Blackpool, Tuesday: Chesterfield v Bottorr, Mansfield v York: Rosterham v Halitsu; Shrewsbury v Choriev Wadnesday: Disnication

Birmingham or Brentford on their plastic pitch.

Four first division teams who will be expected to make progress are Southampton, Norwich, Coventry and Chelsea, who all have home games against lower opposition. Southampton meet lpswich, Norwich clash with Bristol

City, and Chelsea oppose Oxford United. Coventry have the easiest

looking draw, a match with who are in the bottom half of the third division, at Highfield Road. Because 12 second-round matches were postponed over the weekend as a result of the

appalling weather and two more were drawn, there were 78 clubs in the third-round draw, made on BSB Tele-Leeds United, fifth in the

first division, are away to Barnsley in an all-Yorkshire duel, while another virtual local derby will be staged when either Mansfield or York entertain Sheffield Newcastle United, who

have a great Cup tradition, are at home to Derby but Terry Venables, the Tottenham manager, will not be too happy with an away draw at either Huddersfield or Blackpool.

Nor will Peter Reid, for Manchester City have to go to By STEVE ACTESON

MARTIN Clark had never in frame seven he then missed played Steve Davis before the black and Clark first made their Coalite world matchplay 53 and then picked off blue quarter-final meeting in Brentwood yesterday, and trailing 6-2 by the main interval Clark was clearly wishing that particular gap in his professional career had not been filled.

Ranked No. 12 and the 1989 Young Player of the Year, Clark was equal in stature to the rejuvenated Davis for the first four frames and even led 2-1, winning frame two after Davis had missed a difficult last blue and the third with a break of 81 off a botched Davis safety shot.

Then, however, Davis put the pressure on with a break of 66, which brought him level at 2-2 and he returned from the mid-session interval to make 90 more. He was threatening to beat the highest break held by the beaten Mike Hallett with 139 - until he missed the third last red. A further break of 73 took Davis 4-2 ahead but although he led 65-0 with a break of 61

and pink before opting for an over-hit safety shot on the final black leaving Davis a half-chance which he took quite magnificently. Davis then took the last of the session by 67-8 and needed

only three frames from a

possible nine last night to

reach the semi-finals. Jimmy White, the defending champion, successfully negotiated that hurdle on Saturday night with a 9-6 victory over Gary Wilkinson Considering White eventually galloped to victory with breaks of 41, 50 and 66 to win three of the last four frames and that he had begun the match with a clearance of 126 he was in surprising trouble at one stage in the first session, falling 4-1 behind before then rallying to 4-4.

RESULTS: Charter-finals: 8 Dayls (End) leads M. Glark (Eng), 5-2. Saturday; 3 White (Eng) bt G. Walunson (Eng), 9-5. Today's order of play; Charter-final (leaf of 17 frames) T. Griffiths (Wales) v.J. Parroll (Eng).

# Taylor's B squad defies odds to come together

THE warmth of northern Africa must have seemed a long way off to the England B party last night. Scheduled to meet Algeria in the Olympic Stadium in Algiers tomorrow evening, the squad's departure had to be postponed yesterday as players and officials struggled through the wintry weather to Luton airport.

Graham Taylor, the England manager and one of the worst affected by the sudden change in the weather in the Midlands, feared that his prolonged efforts to reach Luton might be in vain. Having arrived 26 hours after leaving his home in Sutton Coldfield, he expected to find a heavily depleted party waitand worting to a line in specifien , , , corr, , ; STUART JONES on the problems of assembling an England football party in the snow

yesterday. Instead he discovered that 20 members had reported before him, including the three replacements to be summoned, and that the two absentees were still trying to find a way through. Mike Stowell, the Wolver-

hampton Wanderers goalkeeper. hired a tractor to clear a path out of his isolated village. He drove his car to Molineux to collect his boots and continued as far as Walsall, where his journey came to a halt. He returned home before setting off again vesterday evening

fare so well. His father's car, in which he was a passenger, was struck from behind on a motorway slip road. He, too, had to return home before trying again.

The other 20 players succeeded and Taylor praised them for their perseverance, "It is a credit to them that they have turned up because if ever mysterious injuries were going to crop up, this was the time."

Taylor had set off shortly after lpm on Saturday. More than nine hours later he had covered a mere 46 miles and was back where he had started. "It was all right until I got to near Birmingham airport," he said. "After that, it was like a complete snow like that before. It is like a different world down here. It is such a bonus that all of them have made the effort. It is also a tribute to the communication lines we have set up with club managers."

Gary Ablett and David Burrows were on the road for almost as long as the England manager. It took them seven hours to travel from Nottingham, where their first division fixture had been called off, back to Liverpool. Yesterday morning they had to turn round and retrace their tread marks.

Tony Daley, Paul Ince and Maithew Le Tissier were the three withdrawals. Daley collided with Molby in a six-a-side tournament last week, injuring an eye. Ince has not recovered from a pulled hamstring.

Le Tissier, though he was considered fit to play and score for Southampton on Saturday, is 10ported to be suffering from influenza. Gordon Cowans, Dale Gordon and Nigel Spink, acting 35 the fourth goalkeeper in the squad as long as Stowell arrives, accepted invitations to make up eumbers.

"Unless there is snow here or in Algeria, we'll try again in the morning." Taylor said. "It is an important game because players are more likely to be promoted from the B team than the under-21 side Weather permitting, the party will fly from Luton this morning.

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